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PREFACE.

Several years ago, the author, at the solicitation of a number of personal friends, prepared and published a book of prayers for the use of families. The main consideration urged in favor of the measure was, that the books of this nature already in use, were generally too elevated in style, to be used to advantage by those, who need the help they are intended to afford. Hence it was thought desirable, that another be prepared, in which simplicity and directness of language should be specially observed.

Although an edition of three thousand copies was published, it has long since been exhausted. We had thought, that perhaps it had fully subserved its purpose. The frequent inquiries after it, however, especially during the last few years, has led us to believe, that the want for it still exists, and is likely to continue for some time to come. Hence the work has been carefully revised, with a view to shorten the prayers and further simplify their language, and is now presented to the public in a stereotyped form.

As stated in the Preface to the first edition, a large proportion of the prayers are original. The matter for the

remainder has been gathered from various sources. In those instances, in which the prayers of other authors have been used, either entire or in part, they have, with a very few exceptions, been entirely re-written or re-arranged, so as to adapt them to the purpose they are specially intended to subserve. In the preparation of the work, the author acknowledges himself largely indebted for assistance, to a small but most excellent collection of prayers by Samuel Palmer, which has long since been out of print. He has also derived considerable aid from the labors of Bickersteth, Smith, Cotterill, Jenks, Barnes, and others.

The propriety of the use of forms, it is not intended here to discuss. The fact, that, in the absence of their use, many Christian families would be wholly without the benefits of regular devotional exercises, is sufficient, in the writer's estimation, to justify their preparation. Besides this, important assistance also can be derived from the perusal of carefully prepared forms, even where the exclusive use of them can be dispensed with in conducting worship.

With these remarks, this volume, in its present form, is presented to the Christian public, in the hope, that it will be favorably received, and with the prayer, that, under the blessing of God, it may prove an efficient auxiliary to many, in conducting family worship and other religious exercises, and thus be the means of greatly furthering the important interests of family and social religion.

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FAMILY PRAYERS.

FIRST WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

O most merciful and most gracious God and Father! we bless Thee for the return of this morning's light, and for all the mercies it brings with it. This day is the Lord's, and the blessings and privileges for which it is distinguished, are such as belong to Thy Sabbaths in a Christian land. May we be in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and improve its sacred hours and precious privileges to the purpose for which they are given.

Be with us in our moments of retirement. Help us to commune with Thee and our own hearts. May we read Thy word, and meditate on its sacred contents, not as the word of man, but as it is in truth, the word of the living God. If permitted to go up to Thy courts and mingle with Thy people in the public services of the sanctuary, may Thy presence and blessing at-

tend us thither. Enable us to worship before Thee in the beauty of holiness, and so to improve all the hours and privileges of this day, both in public and in private, that we shall, in our happy experience, make great progress in our journey toward the heavenly Jerusalem.

Grace the assemblies of Thy people with that presence of Thine, which Thou hast promised where two or three are gathered together in Thy name. Build up Thy children in their most holy faith. Strengthen them for all Thy mind and will concerning them. Convert sinners from the error of their ways to the service of Thee, the living and true God. Bless the ministers of the Gospel, and help them faithfully to proclaim Thy word. Accompany their efforts with the influences of the Holy Ghost, and crown them with the most abundant success. Send abroad the light of Thy truth throughout the world; and hasten the coming of the kingdom of Thy Son. Multiply such instrumentalities as Thou art pleased to employ for this purpose, and abundantly succeed them to the end whereunto they are sent.

Remember in much mercy all classes and conditions of men. Relieve all who are in circumstances of want or distress. Bless our friends

and kindred, companions and associates, neighbors and acquaintances, providing for all their interests, both for this world and for that which is to come. **

Hear, O Lord, our prayers. Forgive our sins, though numerous and highly aggravated, granting us this day and all our days repentance for them, even such as is unto life; and help us each one ever so to live, that at last, when our Sabbaths on earth shall end, we may be permitted to spend a Sabbath of eternal blessedness with Thee in heaven, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose words we would further address Thee, as

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation. But deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. AMEN.

** At the places thus indicated, extemporaneous petitions, or some one of the paragraphs, found under the head of Miscellaneous Petitions, may be added, as circumstances suggest.

Sunday Evening.

Thou hast been pleased, O Lord, to favor us with another of Thy holy Sabbaths. We have enjoyed therein, not only the comforts of Thy Providence, but also the blessings and privileges of Thy grace. We have had Thy word in our possession to read and examine for ourselves. Thy throne of grace has been accessible to us. We have been permitted to place ourselves beneath the droppings of the sanctuary, and have had opened up to us a variety of sources of information with respect to the things, which concern our souls' eternal peace. We thank Thee for all the mercies and privileges Thou hast thus conferred upon us in Jesus Christ Thy Son.

Follow with Thy blessing our efforts to serve Thee this day, so far as they accord with Thy will; and do Thou, for Jesus' sake, forgive whatsoever Thy pure and holy eyes have seen amiss. In many things we offend, and in all we come infinitely short of what Thou dost require. Deal not with us in anger, or according to our deserts; but remember us in mercy.

Bless Thy word unto all who have this day heard it. May the labors of Thy servants not be in vain! Cause Thine own people to be

thereby quickened in the ways of holy obedience, while sinners shall be induced to turn from their sins unto Thee and live. May thus Thy kingdom come, and Thy will be done on earth as in heaven. * *

Be with us this night. Watch over us throughout its silent hours. Protect us from harm. Refresh us with quiet and comfortable repose. Prepare us for the labors and duties of the week before us, and for all that awaits us throughout our pilgrimage in this present evil world. Help us so to live from day to day, that, at last, when our days on earth shall be ended, we may render our account to Thee with joy, and not with grief, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer, who hath taught us, when addressing Thee, to say,

Our Father, who art in heaven, &c.

Monday Morning.

O Lord, most merciful and most gracious! slow to anger and abundant in goodness and truth. As such, Thou hast proclaimed Thyself in Thy holy word, and as such, Thou art constantly manifesting Thyself in Thy dealings with the children of men. We are this

morning in the land of the living, the monuments of Thy sparing mercy, and the witnesses of Thy boundless compassion and love. Thou hast been with us during the past night, and preserved us from harm. No evil has befallen us, nor any plague come nigh our dwelling. To Thee we would render our most hearty thanks for the love and mercy Thou hast thus shown us.

Take us into Thy care and keeping this day. Manifest Thyself graciously present with us throughout its various vicissitudes. Guard us against every species of evil. Save us especially from sin, and help us to walk uprightly before Thee in the land of the living. Let Thy fear be constantly before our eyes, and Thy glory the ultimate end of all our actions. May we live this day, and all our days, not unto ourselves, but unto Jesus Christ, who died for us, rose again, and ever liveth to make intercession for us.

Suffer us not to fall into temptation; but if Thy will be otherwise, do Thou, with the temptation, provide for us a way of escape. Make us equal to all our duties. Help us to rise superior to every difficulty; and especially in our spiritual conflicts, may we come off conquerors,

and more than conquerors, through Jesus Christ, who loved us, and gave Himself for us. Give us success in our lawful undertakings; and may all our pursuits be followed in subserviency to Thy righteous and holy will.

Remember in much mercy, this morning, all for whom we should pray. Do good unto Thy children and people every where. Bless our friends and kindred, and make them Thy friends and followers and the heirs of heaven. Have compassion on sinners. Bring them to repentance, and lead them to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world. Succor the tempted. Furnish relief to all who are in want or distress. Heal the sick; prepare the dying for death, and the living for glorifying and praising Thee. * *

Hear us, O Lord, in our supplications. Remit unto us our sins, and own us all at last as Thine, through riches of grace in Jesus Christ our Redeemer. AMEN.

Monday Evening.

We thank Thee, O Lord our God and Father in Jesus Christ Thy Son, that Thou hast brought us in safety to the close of another

day. Many have been the dangers to which we were exposed, in the house and by the way; but Thou hast safely delivered us from them all. We are this night still enjoying the comforts of Thy providence and sharing the blessings and privileges of Thy grace. We praise Thee for all the mercies we are receiving at Thy hands; but especially for the gift of Thy Son; for the work of redemption; and for the various means of grace, we are permitted to enjoy in and through Him. Let Thy goodness ever lead us to repentance for our sins, and Thy long-suffering eventuate in the salvation of our souls.

Look with special favor and regard upon all men. Help them to make Thee, the living and true God, their trust. May they find in Thee all they need, both for this world and for that which is to come. Enable Thine own professing children ever to live near the throne of grace. May they largely experience the consolations of religion, and be strengthened in all things to walk worthy of their high and holy vocation. Bring sinners every where to repentance, and conduct them to the fountain, which Thou hast opened in the house of David, for the washing away of sin and uncleanness. Pros-

per Thine own cause in the world. Bring to naught the works of darkness, and cause righteousness and peace every where to abound.

Bless the land in which we dwell. Make it Immanuel's land. Give wisdom to our rulers, such as is profitable to direct. May they rule in Thy fear, and the people learn to obey in righteousness. May we, as a nation, become as much distinguished for our devotedness to Thee, as we are for our civil and religious privileges.

Look in mercy upon Thy Church. Bless especially that portion of it, with which we are more immediately connected. Smile upon her institutions of learning, and succeed all her lawful efforts to enlarge her borders. Bless her ministry. Greatly increase their number, and may they become more and more distinguished for their zeal and activity in the cause of their divine Master. Fill her membership with a spirit of entire consecration to Thy cause; and may she thus become indeed a glory and a praise in the earth. * *

Forgive, O Lord, through the atoning merits of Thy Son, the manifold sins and follies we have committed during the past day. May we lie down this night at peace with Thee, and our souls return to Thee and repose in Thee as

their rest. Take care of us during the defenceless hours of sleep. Strengthen us for the duties and events of to-morrow, if it shall please Thee to spare us to behold its light and mingle in its scenes; and prepare Thou us for every thing Thou hast appointed for us in our pilgrimage through this world. May we ever be guided by Thy good Spirit, and finally obtain the salvation of our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Tuesday Morning.

Our Father who art in heaven, we come before Thee this morning once more in the character of worshipers; and we pray Thee to regard us in mercy, and for the sake of Jesus Christ Thy Son, to impart unto us the influences we need to approach Thee in a becoming and acceptable manner.

Thou hast dealt with us in great loving-kindness during the time past of our lives. From day to day hast Thou watched over us, and brought us in safety even to the present moment. We have been abundantly favored with the comforts of Thy providence and with the blessings and privileges of Thy grace. Du-

ring the past night, Thou hast kindly watched over us, and permitted us to enjoy quiet and comfortable repose. This morning finds us still in the land of the living, in the place of hope and repentance, and in the possession of all that is essential to our true interests here, and our eternal felicity hereafter. We thank Thee, O Lord, in the sincerity of our hearts, for all we have thus received at Thy hands, and pray for grace and strength to give proper expression to our gratitude in all our life and conduct.

May we this day find Thee present with us still, in the midst of all the diversified scenes through which we shall be called to pass. We know not what a day or an hour may bring forth. Our lives, and all that concerns us, are in Thy hands, and Thou dost dispose of them as seemeth good in Thy sight. Choose out for us all our changes, and help us to accommodate ourselves to them, whether they be comfortable or afflictive. May we appreciate all our mercies and privileges aright, and improve them to the purpose for which they are given. Help us cheerfully to acquiesce in whatsoever afflictive dispensations of Providence Thou mayest send upon us, and may we find them, in our happy experience, to work together for

our good, as they do unto all Thy true children in Christ Jesus.

Strengthen us for the faithful and successful discharge of the various duties, which shall this day devolve upon us. May we be true to our relations and obligations. From the oldest to the youngest, from the least unto the greatest, may we all learn to fear God, and to follow after the things which work righteousness and peace. May we all prove ourselves instruments in Thy hands for the accomplishment of some good in our day and generation! Let the love of Christ, shed abroad in our hearts by the power of the Holy Ghost, control us in all our thoughts, words and actions.

Bless us as a family. May we so dwell together in Thy fear, as mutually to subserve each other's interests for time and for eternity. Enable us to carry about with us the Spirit of our divine Master, and to exemplify it in every thing we say or do. Do good unto all connected with us in this interesting and important relation. Provide for all their interests, and especially for those which concern the welfare of the soul.

Remember in much mercy, the whole human family. Bestow upon the several mem-

bers thereof, the blessings they respectively need. May Thy fear be implanted in every heart, and all learn to follow after the things which make for their eternal peace. * *

Our supplications are once more before Thee, O Lord. Hear us in mercy and answer us in peace. Let our sins all be blotted out of the book of Thy remembrance, and our souls eventually saved with an everlasting salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer. AMEN.

Tuesday Evening.

Almighty and ever living God, we gather this evening as a band of worshipers around our family altar, and would unite in presenting to Thee our customary sacrifice of prayer, and praise, and thanksgiving. We rejoice, that this privilege has been again accorded us, and under a deep consciousness of our insufficiency of ourselves to improve it aright, we would look to Thee for enlarged communications of Thy grace, so that the offering we bring Thee, may be acceptable in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, our Strength and our Redeemer.

We have this day been again the recipients of Thy mercies, and the objects of Thy special favor and regard. All our wants, both temporal and spiritual, have been supplied as they returned. We have had food to eat, raiment to put on, and a comfortable place of abode. And in addition to all these creature comforts, we have also largely shared the blessings and privileges of Thy grace. What more could have been done for our temporal and eternal interests, than Thou hast been pleased to do? And yet, in the midst of all Thy mercies, to what little purpose do we live, and how little fruit do we bring forth! We would humble ourselves before Thee, this evening, in view of our manifold sins and short-comings, and pray for the manifestation of Thy pardoning mercy and forgiving love, as they are exercised in Jesus Christ Thy Son. At the same time, we would raise our hearts to Thee, in grateful acknowledgments, for the manifold tokens of Thy loving-kindness, with which Thou hast been pleased to favor us this day.

May we this night continue to be the objects of Thy care. Let the arms of Thy love and mercy encircle us throughout its silent watches. Suffer us not to be overtaken with

harm or danger. Permit us to enjoy refreshing sleep, and may we find ourselves greatly strengthened thereby, for the duties and events, which await us during the coming day. Fit us for Thy mind and will concerning us on earth, and for glory and blessedness in the world to come.

Do us good this night as individuals. Come Thou into each one of our hearts; take up Thine abode with us, and rule in us and reign over us without a rival. Make us all Thy children in truth and in deed, and help us each one to walk worthy of our high and holy relations.

Bless all who truly love the Lord Jesus Christ. May they at all times largely experience the consolations of Thy grace. Have compassion upon the perishing; and do Thou every where display the power and the glory of Thy grace in the salvation of souls. And thus may the period be soon introduced, which Thou hast promised shall come, when Jesus shall reign in the hearts of the children of men, King of nations, as He now reigns King of saints. * *

Now, Lord, what wait we for? Truly our help is in Thee. Let Thy presence accompany

us throughout our whole pilgrimage in this present evil world; and when Thou hast subserved Thy wise and holy purposes with respect to us here below, introduce us all into the joys of heaven, through riches of grace in Christ Jesus our Redeemer. AMEN.

Wednesday Morning.

Infinitely great and glorious Lord God Almighty! whose throne is in the heavens, and whose kingdom ruleth over all. We are the creatures of Thy power, the workmanship of Thy hands, and the daily pensioners of Thy bounty. Thou hast brought us into being and dost uphold and sustain us therein from day to day. To Thee are we indebted for every mercy and blessing, which distinguishes our lot.

We would this morning record Thy loving-kindness with grateful hearts. We would erect our Ebenezer to Thee, and say, Hitherto, Lord, hast Thou helped us. It is of the Lord's mercies, that we have not been consumed; yea, because Thy compassions fail not, but are renewed every morning and evening, and repeated every moment of our lives. We would

praise Thee this morning for the comforts of the past night, and for the blessings and privileges, with which we are this moment surrounded.

Let Thy presence and blessing attend us this day. May we be secure, under the shadow of Thy wings, against every thing that would disturb or destroy. Qualify us, in an especial manner, for the proper performance of our several duties, and for the faithful improvement of our multiplied privileges. Preside over all our thoughts, and feelings, and words, and actions, and overrule all for the glory of Thy name and the good of our souls.

Bless us in our associated capacity. May we, as a family, be as much distinguished for our devotedness to Thee, as we are for the mercies of Thy Providence and the privileges of Thy grace. Let us each one possess the spirit of our stations, and be enabled, in our respective spheres, to occupy faithfully, even until Thou dost come. And grant, O Lord, especially, that we may all so live and act, that, as we now constitute a family here below, we may at last be permitted to constitute a portion of that great family, of which Christ Jesus is the head.

Look in mercy, this morning, upon all, who are near and dear unto our hearts. Provide for all their interests, and especially for those which involve the welfare of their souls. Make all Thy children true to their relations and obligations. May they thus be instrumental in accomplishing much good in their day and generation. Have mercy upon sinners. Let them be plucked as brands from the eternal burnings, and made the trophies of Thy grace, and the monuments of Thy sparing mercy, and the living witnesses of Thy boundless goodness and love. * *

Hear us, O Lord, in our prayers, this morning, seeing we offer all in the name and through the mediation of Jesus Christ our Redeemer. AMEN.

Wednesday Evening.

O Thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, the most high God over all the earth! Help us to approach Thee this evening, with becoming sentiments of awe and reverence for Thy majesty. Forbid that we should trifle in Thy presence. We fear, that we only too often draw near to Thee with our lips, when our

hearts are far from Thee. Forgive, O Lord, whatsoever has been amiss in us in this respect, and preserve us against similar transgressions in time to come. To this end, fill us with the spirit of prayer and supplication, that we may, at all times, wait upon Thee in sincerity and in truth.

Thou art constantly placing us under renewed obligations to Thee. From day to day are our unprofitable lives prolonged, and crowned with the acts of Thy loving-kindness and compassionate regard. During the day that is past, especially, have we been the recipients of the tokens of Thy special favor and love. We have had all that was requisite to our comfort and peace in this world, and to our eternal interests in that which is to come.

We praise Thee, O Lord, for all these mercies and privileges. May they not be spent upon us in vain, but lead us to repentance for our sins, awaken in our hearts feelings of unfeigned gratitude and love, and constrain us to consecrate ourselves, with all that we have and are, to Thy service, as the only suitable return we can make for what we are receiving at Thy hands.

We are about to commit us once more to our beds for the repose of the night. We ask Thy presence with us, and Thy blessing upon us. Wilt Thou give Thine angels charge over us, that no evil may befal us, nor any plague come nigh unto us. If it shall please Thee to permit us to see the light of another day, and to enter upon its duties and privileges, prepare us for all that shall await us therein. May all our time on earth be spent in Thy fear and service, so as to fit us for spending an eternity of blessedness with Thee in heaven.

Should it be Thy will to call any of us hence ere another day dawn upon us, prepare us for the solemn and trying event. May our peace be made with Thee, and our right and title to eternal life secured, in and through our Lord Jesus Christ. May we ever hold ourselves in such an attitude of readiness to meet Thee, at the hour of Thy coming, that death may not, at any time, overtake us by surprise.

We would this night pray, not for ourselves only, but also for all, whom we should remember at the throne of Thy heavenly grace. Bestow upon them the several blessings we crave for ourselves. Especially deny them not the things, which are essential to their souls' eternal

peace. May Thy grace and glory be ever displayed in the deliverance of those, who are perishing in their sins. * *

These blessings, O Lord, we ask not in our own name, nor for our own sake, but in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ Thy Son, who is worthy, with Thee, the Father and the Eternal Spirit, to receive praises and glory everlasting. AMEN.

Thursday Morning.

O Lord God Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Lord of Glory! Unto Thee would we come in the name of Jesus Christ. May we now by Him, through the Holy Spirit, have access with confidence to the throne of grace!

We would acknowledge before Thee, our great sinfulness and unworthiness. In thought, in word, and in deed, have we often sinned against Thee, and against each other. For Thine own name and Thy mercy's sake, blot out our transgressions, and remember not our sins against us. Deliver us from hardness of heart, earthly-mindedness, want of charity, hastiness of spirit, and from every sinful word

and action. Help us ever hereafter to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith we are called.

May we, with all lowliness and meekness, with long suffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Give each of us grace to fulfil our duties to each other. May we so live as to realize, in our happy experience, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

Enable those of us, who are parents, to bring up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord; and may such as are children, learn to obey their parents in all things.

Pour out Thy Spirit copiously upon all who minister in holy things. Cause Thy Church every where to flourish and increase. May her membership grow in purity, love and zeal. Add daily to their number, in our own country and in heathen lands, such as shall be saved. Bless every missionary, who has gone forth to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ. Give unto them more and more grace, that they may labor zealously, wisely, and successfully in Thy cause.

Accept our united thanksgivings, for all the blessings we daily so richly enjoy, and especially

for the kind protection of another night. We would thank Thee also for the many dear ties of relationship, affection and Christian principles, which bind us together. May we be more and more knit together in Christian love.

But beyond all other mercies, we would bless Thee for the gift of Thy Son, as our only Saviour, our only hope and our sure refuge. May we be enabled to say, that we are all one in Christ, members of that body, of which He is the head! For such an unspeakable mercy, may we ever have cause to bless and praise Thee.* *

Thou hast given us this opportunity of assembling together once more, to present to Thee our morning sacrifice. We thank Thee for the mercy therein revealed to us, and pray, that, however we may be separated here below, or however scattered in our different stations or pursuits, as we have now met together here on earth, so may we hereafter all meet in heaven, for Christ's sake. AMEN.

Thursday Evening.

Gracious and merciful God! Thou art slow to anger, great in power, and rich in mercy unto all who call upon Thee. Help us now so to ask,

in the name of Christ, that we shall receive; so to seek, that we shall find; and so to knock, that it shall be opened unto us.

Enter not into judgment with us; for in Thy sight shall no flesh living be justified. However correct our lives may appear to men, we are conscious, that, before Thee, who searcheth the heart and trieth the reins, we have come infinitely short of what Thou dost require. We this night confess and bewail before Thee the manifold sins of our past lives, and especially those of the past day.

Give us, O Lord, a contrite spirit. Show mercy toward us in pardoning our sins and in renewing our souls. May we be enabled to exercise penitence, faith, and self-denial, and every Christian grace and virtue. Let the love of Christ be more and more known and felt by us, and constrain us to live, not unto ourselves, but unto Him who died for us. Grant us Thy Holy Spirit, to teach us those things of which we are ignorant, taking of the things of Christ and showing them unto us, and to renew our natures, and sanctify our hearts.

We commend us to Thy care during the night. May we lie down at peace with Thee, and with all men. If permitted to rise again

from our beds of repose, may we enter upon our duties with renewed zeal, and increased devotedness to Thy service.

Look in mercy upon all who need an interest in our prayers. Will the Lord comfort His own people, and furnish relief to such of them as are afflicted. Let all nations, whom Thou hast made, come and worship before Thee, and glorify Thy name. May every obstacle, which hinders the progress of Thy truth, be removed in mercy. Bless all the members of the Church of Jesus Christ. Fill her ministers with a double portion of Thy Spirit. May those especially, with whom we are more immediately connected, manifest a proper zeal and activity in Thy cause.

Bless our superiors, our companions and associates, and all with whom we have to do. Pardon any, who may have injured us; and, if we have injured any, may we be ready to confess our faults and to make restitution; and may they be disposed to forgive us. * *

Accept our grateful acknowledgments for the mercies and comforts of the past day. Continue Thy favors unto us as we need them. May we be enabled at all times so to live in Thy fear and to Thy praise, that we shall have administered unto us at last an abundant entrance

into Thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Friday Morning.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of whom the whole family in heaven and on earth is named, graciously dispose our hearts, by the influences of Thy Holy Spirit, to worship Thee, through the Mediator, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Accept our unfeigned thanksgivings for the light of another day. Thou hast kept us in safety during the defenceless hours of the night. We have laid us down in peace, and have awoke again refreshed, even because Thou, Lord, hast sustained us.

Above all, would we thank Thee for our spiritual blessings: that we were not born in heathen lands, but in this highly favored country, where the light of Thy truth clearly shines. We praise Thee for the comfort of the Holy Scriptures, for the labors of faithful ministers, and for all the means of grace. How great, O Lord, has been Thy love to us! Thou didst not spare Thine own Son, but delivered Him up for us all; and with Him, Thou hast also freely given us all things.

What shall we render to the Lord for all His benefits? We desire afresh to consecrate ourselves to Thy service. The God of peace sanctify us wholly; and grant that our whole spirit, and soul, and body, may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May we have power from on high this day to resist every temptation, to confess Christ before men, to labor steadfastly with an eye single to Thy glory, to live in the spirit of prayer, in faith, humility, self-denial, and love, and to walk before Thee in that narrow way, which leads to life. Fill us with love to others. May we seek to do good to all men, and help us to keep ourselves unspotted from the world. And that all these fruits of righteousness may appear in our lives, do Thou graciously grant us Thy good Spirit, even for Thine own name and for Thy glory's sake.

Hear us also, this morning, in behalf of all for whom we should pray. Help those that are weak. Comfort those that are cast down. Heal those that are sick. Relieve those that are in distress. Be merciful unto Thy Church. Oh bless us, and cause Thy face to shine upon us, that Thy way may be known on earth, Thy saving health among all nations. Bring the

heathen to Christ. Gather Thy people Israel into Thy fold. Give wisdom and power to every effort of Christian love for spreading Thy Gospel. Bless all societies formed for this end, and let those, who support and conduct them, have Thy direction and guidance. Lord, grant, that the power of the cross of Christ may at length fully triumph over all error and superstition, all idolatry, delusion, and sin.* *

Gracious Lord, not for our worthiness, but only for the sake of the Lord Jesus Christ, do Thou hear us in these our prayers, which we would sum up in His own words, saying,

Our Father, &c.

Friday Evening.

Blessed be Thy great and excellent name, O Lord, that Thou didst so love the world, as to give Thine only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. We trust that we are properly sensible of our great need of this unspeakable gift. We are all sinners by nature, and more especially are we such by our constant practice. Even the day which has just closed, bears fearful witness against us, on the score of transgres-

sion. Wert Thou to deal with us as we deserve, we must be forever undone.

Help us to flee to the refuge, which Thou hast provided for us in Jesus Christ Thy Son. May we seek in Him, not only pardon and peace; but also grace and strength. We are weak, but He is strong. Grant that we may find His grace to be sufficient for us, and His strength perfected in our weakness. May we be united to Him, as the branch is united to the vine, so that, as He lives, we may live also, and that when He, who is our life, shall appear, we may also appear with Him in glory.

We praise Thee, this night, as the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Thy mercies have been continued unto us during the past day. Thou hast administered abundantly to the supply of our returning wants. We have also been favored with every comfort our condition required. Help us to trace all to Thee, the source whence they are derived; and may we make to Thee those returns, which are justly Thy due.

We commend ourselves to Thy care and keeping during the night. Let no evil come nigh us. May our last thoughts be with Thee; and when we awake, may we be still with Thee. Refresh our bodies with quiet repose; and renew

our souls also with spiritual strength. Teach us ever to watch and pray, and to be always ready, seeing we know not the day nor the hour, when the Son of Man shall come.

Extend Thy merciful care to all who are near and dear to us. We pray for all our relatives. May those, who are endeared to us by the ties of nature, be yet still more endeared to us by the stronger bonds of grace. Grant that we may all be one in Christ Jesus our Lord. We pray also for our Christian friends, for our neighbors, and for all with whom we have intercourse.

Bless those who minister before the Lord. May they be faithful, wise, humble, and devoted servants of the Lord Jesus Christ. Every where raise up pastors according to Thine own heart, who shall feed Thy people with knowledge and understanding. Grant Thy blessing to every missionary now preaching Christ to the heathen. Cause Jew and Gentile to turn to the Lord, that they may be saved. Bring on the happy day, when there shall be one fold and one Shepherd; and when they shall not hurt, nor destroy in all Thy holy mountain; and do Thou also fill the whole earth with Thy glory. * * *

And now, Lord, our eyes, our hearts, and our hopes are directed to Thee. May our rightful

expectations not be disappointed. Do Thou help us, and all Thy children, so to live, that we shall be enabled, through the Spirit, to ascribe blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, unto Him, who sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, forever and ever. AMEN.

Saturday Morning.

This morning, O Lord, we once more appear before Thee, as worshipers. May the feelings of our hearts, and the sentiments of our minds, as well as the words of our lips, correspond with the solemnity of the position we are occupying.

We would praise Thee for Thy preserving mercy through another night. We have laid us down, and slept, and awoke again, refreshed, because Thou hast sustained us. Help us to enter, with proper feelings, sentiments, and purposes, upon the duties and dangers of another day. May we realize, that we are not our own, but belong to our faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ, who has purchased us with His own blood. Our bodies and souls; our life, our property, our health, our talents, are all Thine. Help us to

employ them in Thy service, and for Thy glory. Make us useful to our fellow-men. Open before us the paths of benevolence and dispose us to walk therein. Oh that we may not live in vain!

Regard in mercy, Thy Church, the mystical body of our Lord Jesus Christ. Heal all her divisions. Impart unto her membership a spirit of increased zeal and devotion to Thy cause. May they appreciate aright the privileges of Thy grace, with which they are so richly favored, and seek to extend them unto all, who are perishing without them.

Raise up additional laborers in the vineyard of our Lord, and send them forth into the destitute portions of the earth. May they be meek, humble, patient, believing, laborious, and persevering men, such as are demanded by the wants of a perishing world; men willing to spend themselves and be spent for the cause of Christ. Keep them sound in the faith, as well as pure in heart and life. May they open their mouth boldly, to proclaim the mysteries of the Gospel. Give them success in their labors of love. Let the course of Thy Providence prepare the way for such a result. May every fresh advance, either in commerce, science, or

arts, aid the coming of the Redeemer's kingdom. May all things thus work together for the good of Thy cause, until all shall be brought to know Thee, the only true God, from the least unto the greatest.

And that these glorious ends may be speedily secured, we pray Thee to grant a full out-pouring of Thy Holy Spirit upon all flesh; upon kings of the earth and all people; upon Christian ministers everywhere; upon princes, senators, and magistrates; upon young men and maidens, old men and children. Let them all praise the name of the Lord, whose name alone is excellent, and whose glory is above the earth and the heavens. * *

It is not our glory, but Thine, O Lord, we would seek. We long, we ask, we pray, that Thy will may be done on earth as in heaven; that all nations, whom Thou hast made, may come and worship before Thee, and glorify Thy name. Lord, Thou knowest our desires, though we may not know how to express them as we should. Do for us, and for Thy Church, exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, for Thy great name's sake.

These prayers we offer in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Saturday Evening.

Thou hast brought us, O Lord, in safety to the close of this day, and therewith also to the close of the week, and to the eve of another of Thy holy Sabbaths. Help us now to draw nigh unto Thee with pure hearts, in the full assurance of faith, and to present to Thee such an offering, as Thou shalt be pleased to accept.

We are Thy needy and dependent creatures. Our wants are many and great; but Thou canst and dost supply them out of Thine inexhaustible fulness. Impress us deeply with a sense of our obligations to Thee, and grant us grace and strength to meet them all faithfully in Thy fear.

We have seen Thy loving-kindness every morning, and Thy faithfulness every night; and have had all things richly to enjoy. But how little have we been affected by the instances of Thy undeserved goodness! How imperfectly have we improved our religious privileges! How negligent have we been, in seizing opportunities of doing good, to the bodies and souls of our fellow-creatures! And how well does it become each one of us to exclaim: Behold, I am vile; what shall I answer Thee?

Wherefore, I abhor myself, repenting in dust and ashes.

We appear before Thee, this evening, acknowledging our trespasses and sins. Enter not into judgment with Thy servants, O Lord. Our only hope, our only encouragement, is in the fact, that, to the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveness in Jesus Christ His Son, though we have rebelled against Him. Have mercy upon us, O God, according to Thy loving-kindness; according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies, blot out our transgressions.

And may a sense of Thy goodness to us, instead of encouraging us to sin, that grace may abound, lead us to the exercise of that godly sorrow, which worketh repentance unto life. May we hate every evil and false way. Make us attentive to our condition, and help us to study our character. Enable us to bridle our tongue and to keep our heart with all diligence. Protect us by Thy power and uphold us by Thy free Spirit; and not only restrain us from sin, but also mortify us to it.

May sleep refresh our bodies this night, and fit them for Thy service on the ensuing day; and may Thy grace prepare our minds for waiting on Thee. Enable us to leave all the cares

of the world for awhile behind, that we may attend on the Lord without distraction. May we repair to the hallowed exercises of devotion, as the hart panteth after the water brooks. May our experience be such, as to enable us to call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honorable, so that we shall be glad, when they say to us: Let us go into the house of the Lord. * *

And, O Thou God of all grace, do as Thou hast said; fulfill Thy word unto Thy servants, upon which Thou hast caused them to hope. Bless abundantly the provisions of Thy house, and satisfy Thy poor with bread. Clothe Thy priests with salvation, and let Thy saints shout aloud for joy.

And to the God of all grace, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, both now, and forever. AMEN.

SECOND WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

Most gracious God and Father! It is good for us to draw near to Thee. Oh do Thou draw nigh unto us!

We bless Thee for the return of this morning's light. Let the day-spring from on high visit our souls, and the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in His beams. This is the day the Lord hath made. We will rejoice and be glad in it. May it indeed be the Sabbath of the Lord in our dwelling, and in our hearts; a Sabbath of rest from sin, and of rest in God. Enable us, we pray Thee, so to sanctify this day, that it may be made the means of our sanctification. Grant, that, by resting from our worldly employments, our hearts may be taken from present things; and that, by employing our time in the worship of God, we may be led into a more experimental acquaintance with the work of heaven, and be made more meet for that blessed world.

Assist us in all the religious services of this, Thine own holy day. Go with us to the solemn assembly; for, if Thy presence go not with us,

wherefore should we go thither? Help us to draw nigh unto Thee with a true heart, in the full assurance of faith. Meet us, O Lord, with a blessing. Let Thy word come with life and power upon our souls, and be as good seed sown in good soil, taking root and bringing forth fruit to Thy praise. And let our prayers and praises be spiritual sacrifices, acceptable in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ.

We pray, O Lord, that Thy presence may be in all Christian assemblies this day. Grace be with all those, who love the Lord Jesus Christ in sincerity; yea, let great grace be upon them all. Assist all the ministers of the Gospel, that they may rightly divide Thy word of truth, and speak with plainness, fervor, and success. Bless Thy servant, on whose ministry we attend, and make him an instrument of much good to our souls. Give us repentance for all our sins, and that faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, which results in the salvation of the soul.

In the chariot of the everlasting Gospel, may the great Redeemer ride forth triumphantly, conquering and to conquer, and let every thought be subdued into obedience unto Him. May many be brought to believe the report of the Gospel, and to many may the arm of the

Lord be revealed. May sinners be converted to Thee, and Thy saints be built up in knowledge, faith, holiness, and comfort, unto salvation. * *

Now the God of hope fill us with joy and peace in believing, for Christ Jesus' sake, our blessed Saviour and Redeemer, who hath taught us to pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven, &c.

Sunday Evening.

O, Eternal and glorious Lord! Thou art over all, God blessed for ever; most wise and powerful, holy, just, and good. Thou art happy without us, and needest not our services; nor can our goodness extend unto Thee. But without Thee, we are miserable; and if Thy goodness extend not unto us, we are forever undone. We, therefore, entreat Thy favor with our whole heart. Thy loving-kindness is better than life.

Let the love of the world be rooted out of us, and that covetousness, which is idolatry; and let the love of God in Christ be shed abroad in our hearts, by the power of the Holy Ghost. Mortify in us all envy, malice, and uncharita-

bleness; and engage us to love one another with a pure heart fervently, as becomes the followers of the blessed Jesus, who has given us this as His new commandment.

Bless abundantly all the members of this family, and make us blessings to each other. Help us faithfully to discharge the duties of our several stations, in an honorable, acceptable, and useful manner; and give us all a happy meeting at last in the house eternal in the heavens.

We bless Thee, gracious God, for the continued comforts of life, and particularly for all the mercies of this Thine own holy day. How amiable are Thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! A day in Thy courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. Bless the word which we have this day heard, both to us and to all who attended upon it. Hear the prayers we have offered; accept our praises, and forgive whatever Thy pure eye has seen amiss in our attempts to serve Thee.

Bless all the ministers of Thy holy word. Make them burning and shining lights; faithful to Christ and the souls of men. Unite them and Thy people together in truth and love. Pour out upon them a healing spirit; a spirit of charity, forbearance, and condescension. With

one consent, may they all study to promote the interests of our great Master, and the common salvation of precious souls.

We pray for all our friends and relatives, that they may be the objects of Thy providential care, and enriched with the blessings of Thy heavenly grace. Oh that none of our friends may be enemies to God! Bless the rising generation, and let them be a seed to serve Thee. Let Thy work, O Lord, appear unto Thy servants, and Thy glory unto their children.

We would also commend to Thy tender compassion the sick and afflicted, the poor and needy, the tempted and disconsolate, the widows and fatherless. Be Thou a present help unto them in every time of trouble. Do good unto those that are good; unto all the upright in heart. * *

Take us under Thy protection this night, and enable us to close the day with Thee, that we may lie down in peace, and our sleep may be sweet. Be with us through the ensuing week. Enable us to carry into it something of this day's enjoyments, so that we may be the better fitted for another Sabbath, if we shall live to see it. And grant, that, by all the means of grace we enjoy on earth, we may be made

meet for the everlasting Sabbath above, when time and days shall be no more.

Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God and our Saviour, be honor and glory, dominion and praise, henceforth and forever. AMEN.

Monday Morning.

O Lord our God, we desire with all humility and reverence to adore Thee, as a being infinitely blessed and glorious. Thou hast all perfection in and of Thyself, and art the fountain of all being, life, and blessedness. May we all esteem our daily worship of Thee, the most needful part of our daily business, and the most pleasant of our daily comforts.

We humbly thank Thee for the mercies of the past night and for the comforts of this morning. We have had a place to lay our heads, and have been shielded from harm. Thanks be to God, that no plague has come nigh our dwelling.

To Thy care, O Lord, we commit ourselves this day. Compass us about with Thy favor, as with a shield. Preserve our going out and our coming in. Keep us from all evil; but

especially from the evil of sin. Let us not be provoked to wrath, or speak unadvisedly with our lips. Dispose us to live together in peace and holy love; and may the God of love and peace be with us. Make us conscientious in all our dealings, as becomes those, who see Thine eye ever upon us. Arm us against every temptation; keep us in the way of duty; and preserve us in Thy fear all the day long. In every doubtful case, let our way be made plain before us, and give us that wisdom, which is profitable to direct. Let integrity and uprightness preserve us; for we wait on Thee.

Prepare us for all the events of this day; for we know not what a day may bring forth. And make us to stand complete in Thy whole will. May we be willing to deny ourselves, to take up our cross daily, and follow Christ. Fit Thou us for death, for judgment, and for eternity. Give us grace to live every day as those, who know not but it may be our last.

Plead Thine own cause in the world. Build up Thy Church, and erect the throne of the Redeemer on the ruins of Satan's kingdom. Let the Reformation Churches become more reformed. Support and deliver those, who suffer for righteousness' sake. Do good to us in these

United States. Bless all in authority. Guide the public councils, and overrule all affairs for Thine own glory. Let peace and truth prevail in our day, and be preserved to those, who shall come after us.

Be gracious unto our relatives, friends, and neighbors, according to their several necessities. Supply the wants of all Thy people. Dwell in the families of those that fear Thee, and call upon Thy name. Forgive our enemies, and give us a right and charitable spirit toward all men. Visit, comfort, and relieve the afflicted. Succor the tempted; support the oppressed; and give joy to those who mourn in Zion. Deal with us and our family according to the tenor of the everlasting covenant, which is well ordered in all things and sure; which is all our salvation and all our desire. * *

Now, blessed be God for all His gifts, both of nature and of grace; for those which concern this life and that which is to come; especially for Jesus Christ, the fountain and foundation of all. Pardon our sins and imperfections; accept our services; and grant us an answer of peace, for His sake, who died for us and arose again; and who hath taught us to pray,

Our Father, &c.

Monday Evening.

Most holy, blessed, and glorious God! whose we are, and whom we are bound to serve. Thou makest the outgoings of the morning and of the evening to rejoice. Through Thy good hand upon us, have we closed another day, and we come together, this evening, to mention the loving-kindness of the Lord, and the praises of our God, whose mercy endureth forever. Blessed be the Lord, who loadeth us with His benefits, even the God of our salvation.

We confess, we are unworthy of the least of all Thy mercies. We sin against Thee daily. Give us also daily repentance for our sins. Make us duly sensible of the evil and danger of them, and let the blood of Christ Thy Son cleanse us from them. Grant that we may this night lie down at peace with God, and let our souls repose in Thee as their rest. We commit ourselves to Thy care. May we dwell in the secret place of the Most High, and abide under the shadow of the Almighty. Refresh our bodies with rest, undisturbed with distracting cares, or disquieting fears. But, especially, let our souls be refreshed with Thy love, and the

light of Thy countenance. For Thy loving-kindness is better than life.

Restore us to another day in safety. Prepare us for its duties and events. Enable us to glorify Thee, both with our bodies and with our spirits, which are Thine. As every day brings us nearer our end, Lord, teach us so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts to wisdom. Prepare us for whatever is appointed for us in life. Do us good by all Thy providences, whether comfortable or afflictive. Help us to accommodate ourselves to them, and by means of them all, bring us nearer to Thyself, and fit us for the enjoyment of Thee in a better world.

Let our family be blessed in Him, in whom all the nations of the earth are blessed. Give us health and prosperity, and all needful temporal blessings. But, especially, let our souls prosper and be in health. Let all who belong to us, belong to Christ; that we, who dwell together on earth, may be together forever with the Lord. * *

May our country still be the care of Thy Providence. Let glory dwell in our land, and upon all the glory, let there be a defence. Rule in the hearts of our rulers, and make them public blessings. May those, who are in places of

public trust, be faithful to the public interest; and may those, who bear the sword, be a terror to evil doers, and a protection and praise to such as do well.

Own the Christian ministry in their work. Give them skill, ability, and zeal to help souls to heaven. May the rising generation be such as Thou wilt own, and as shall do more and better service in their day, than has been done in ours. Comfort and relieve all who are in poverty and affliction. Teach us to sympathize with them, and dispose us to do all we can for their relief. And do Thou for us abundantly above what we are able to ask or think, through Jesus Christ the Lord our righteousness, to whom, with the Father and the Eternal Spirit, be glory and praise now and forever. AMEN.

Tuesday Morning.

Glorious Jehovah! Thou hast Thy being of Thyself, and Thy happiness in Thyself alone. We have our being from Thee, and our happiness is only in Thee. It is, therefore, both our duty and our interest to seek Thee, to implore Thy favor, and to give unto Thee the glory due to Thy Name.

One day tells another, and one night certifies to another, that Thou art good, and never failest those, who seek Thee and trust in Thee. We have rested during the past night, and are refreshed; and have a safe and quiet habitation. We thankfully own Thy goodness to us, and acknowledge ourselves to be less than the least of all the mercy and truth Thou hast showed us.

Above all, we bless Thee for the gifts of Thy grace to lost and miserable sinners, in and through Thy dear Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. We praise Thee, that, having laid down His life to make atonement for sin, He rose again for our justification, that He might bring in an everlasting righteousness. We bless Thee, that our eyes see the light, and our ears hear the joyful sound of redemption by Him; and for that life and immortality brought to light by the Gospel. Glory be to God in the highest, that there is on earth, peace and good-will toward men. Grant us wisdom and grace rightly to understand the Gospel, firmly believe it, and cheerfully obey it; that so we may be savingly interested in the blessings it reveals.

Through Him, who was made sin for us, though He knew no sin, let us sinners be accepted as righteous. And as Christ died for

our sins, we pray that we may be dying daily to them. May we also experience in our souls the power and virtue of His resurrection. May we rise with Him from the death of sin, to the life of righteousness; from the dust of this world, to a holy, spiritual, divine, and heavenly life. Give us grace, we pray Thee, to live a life of communion with Thee, both in providences and ordinances, and a life of dependence upon Thee, at all times trusting in Thy power, providence, and promises, and pouring out our hearts before Thee. Enable us, also, to live a life of devotedness to Thee, and of complacency in Thee. May we set the Lord always before us; aim at Thy glory as our highest end, and make religion not only our chief business, but also our highest pleasure. * *

Bless us, O Lord, as a family, with everything suited to our several circumstances and wants. Give us all wisdom to know the duties of our several characters and stations, and make us faithful in the performance of them. Be gracious to all who are related to us, or in any wise connected with us. Pity and relieve the children of affliction, and be a present help to all Thy people in every season of distress. To Thy providential care we commit ourselves and

each other for the day ensuing. Preserve us from every danger, fortify us against every temptation, assist us in every duty, and graciously accept us in Thy dear Son, to whom, with Thee, the Father, and the Eternal Spirit, be glory and praise now and forever. AMEN.

Tuesday Evening.

O GOD, the Infinite and Eternal Spirit! most perfect in power, wisdom, and goodness. Though mortal eyes cannot behold Thee, nor any created understanding comprehend Thee, Thou art ever present with us, and seest the secrets of our hearts. All our sins and all our wants are known to Thee. But Thou wisely requirest our confessions, as the exercise of our repentance, and our petitions and thanksgivings, as the expression of our desires, dependence, and gratitude. We confess our unfitness for such converse with Thee. O Thou, whose mercy invites miserable sinners to come unto Thee, by the new and living way, meet us not in Thy justice, as a consuming fire, but accept us in Thy righteous and beloved Son.

We ought to have served Thee with our whole hearts, and to have employed our time,

our thoughts, our tongues, and all our powers, for Thy glory and the good of men. But, alas! we have unprofitably abused Thy talents, and done but little good in the world, in comparison with what we might have done.

Deal with us, O Lord, not according to our deserts, but according to our necessity, and Thy great goodness. Where sin has abounded, let Thy grace much more abound. Do Thou not only take away our guilt through the merits of Thy dear Son, but also renew and sanctify us by Thy Spirit. Take from us the heart of stone, and give us hearts of flesh. Impart to us a divine and heavenly nature, and transform us into the image of Thy holiness. Enable us to devote ourselves, and all Thou givest us, entirely to Thee as Thine own. Bring all the powers of our souls and bodies into a full subjection to Thy government.

Keep us, we beseech Thee, from every thing in our words and actions, by which we should dishonor Thy name and grieve Thy Spirit. Quicken and animate us in every duty, whether personal, relative, or divine. And help us to spend this transitory life in a diligent preparation for death and eternity. May our hearts and our conversation ever be in heaven!

Set up Thy glory, O Lord, above the heavens, and let Thy name be sanctified in all the earth. Convert the infidel and heathen world to the faith of Thy Son. Give wise and upright rulers to the nations; and let the Gospel of Jesus Christ go forth as the sun, to enlighten the whole world. Bless, especially, these United States. Make our rulers faithful to their trust, that they may seek the true prosperity of their country. Teach Thou our teachers. Give all Thy churches faithful and able pastors, and abundantly succeed their labors, that their hearers may be fruitful in knowledge and holiness, peace and charity. * *

Bless all the members of this family, together with all who are near and dear to us, both in body and soul; and help us to serve each other in love. We thankfully acknowledge Thy fatherly goodness manifested to us this day. Be pleased to continue it through the night watches. Give us such rest of body and mind, as may fit us for the duties and events of the coming day; and prepare us for finally entering into Thine everlasting kingdom. We ask all in the name of Jesus Christ, our only Saviour and Mediator. AMEN.

Wednesday Morning.

Thou, O Lord, art the great fountain of being and happiness. As from Thee our beings were derived, so from Thee our happiness directly flows. The nearer we are to Thee, the more pure and delicious is the stream. With Thee is the fountain of life; in thy light may we see light. The great object of our final hope is to dwell with Thee forever. Oh give us some foretaste of that delight. Grant us, we beseech Thee, the blessedness of the man, who feareth the Lord, and delighteth greatly in His commands. So form our hearts by Thy grace, that, from day to day, we may set Thee, Lord, before us, and be in Thy fear all the day long.

With hearts filled with gratitude, would we, this morning, praise Thee for past mercies, and, in the exercise of a lively faith, would we implore fresh blessings, which every returning day requires. We desire, with cheerfulness, daily to renew the dedication of ourselves to Thee, through Jesus Thy beloved Son; and with attention and pleasure to read and hearken to the instructions of Thy Holy Word, that we may know what Thou wouldst have us to do. Enable us to hide Thy word in our hearts, that

we may not sin against Thee, and earnestly to seek fresh supplies of Thy blessed Spirit, whose influences are the life of our souls, that we may be quickened in all the duties it enjoins.

Thus prepared, do Thou, Lord, lead us forth to all the duties and events of the day. In the calling to which Thou hast directed us, may we abide with Thee; not being slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Teach us the value of time, and enable us always to improve it to the best advantage, in such duties as Thou hast assigned us. To Thy glory, O Lord, may the labors of life be pursued, and to Thy glory may the refreshments of it be sought and enjoyed. Whether we eat or drink, or whatever we do, may that end be still kept in view, and may it be attained. May every refreshment and release from business prepare us to serve Thee with greater vigor and resolution. * * *

Help us, O Lord, to spend this day, and every day of our lives, in the view of our last, and so as to fit us for it. If death comes by a slow advance, may it at length find us still thus employed. And if we should be called suddenly to exchange worlds, may our last days and hours be so spent, as to furnish no occasion

for remorse or fear. Whenever, however, we are called from this state of trial, may we have a sweet and easy passage from the services of time, to the infinitely nobler services of an immortal state. We ask it through Him, who, while on earth, was the fairest pattern of every virtue, and who now lives and reigns with Thee, able to save to the uttermost. To Him, having done all, we would fly, with the most humble acknowledgment, that we are unprofitable servants. And unto Him, with the Father and the Spirit, be glory for ever and ever. AMEN.

Wednesday Evening.

Blessed God, we humbly adore Thee as the Father of lights, and the Giver of every good and perfect gift. From Thee we seek every blessing, and especially those which may lead us to Thyself, and prepare us for the enjoyment of Thee.

May we, O Lord, be renewed in the spirit of our minds. A new heart do Thou give us, and a right spirit do Thou put within us. Make us partakers of a divine nature; and as Thou who hast called us art holy, may we be holy in all manner of conversation. May the same mind

be in us, which was also in Christ Jesus, and may we walk even as He walked. Deliver us from being carnally-minded, which is death, and make us spiritually-minded, since that is life and peace. While we pass through this world of sense, enable us to walk by faith and not by sight; yea, may we be strong in faith, giving glory to God.

Help us to mortify our members which are in the earth, so that we may be willing to part with the lusts that are as dear to us as a right hand or eye. May we be temperate in all things, content with such things as we have, and instructed to be so, in whatever state we are. May patience also have its perfect work in us, that we may be, in that respect, perfect and entire, wanting nothing.

Form us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, to a proper temper towards our fellow-creatures. May we love our neighbor as ourselves, and whatsoever we would that others should do unto us, may we also do the same unto them. May we put on meekness under the greatest provocations; and, if it be possible, as much as lieth in us, may we live peaceably with all men. May we be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful. May we ever speak the truth from our

hearts, and speak it in love; guarding against every instance of a censorious and malignant disposition; and taking care not to judge severely, as we would not be judged, which Thou, Lord, knowest, and our own consciences know, we should not be able to support.

Make us ever attentive to the duties incumbent upon us, as members of civil society, and of the Church of Christ, that we may give no offence. Enable us to conduct ourselves wisely and well, as members of a Christian family. May the heads of the family walk before their house in a perfect way, commanding all their household after them to keep the ways of the Lord. [May the children of the family obey their parents in the Lord, love one another, and remember Thee, their Creator, now in the days of their youth.]

Thus may the blessing of God, the Father and Lord of all, rest continually upon us for good. Thus may the image of our dear Redeemer shine bright in our characters; and thus may we be formed to a growing meetness for that world where He dwells, and where we shall be completely like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. * *

We ask all in His name, who hath loved us,

and given Himself for us, that He might redeem us unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works, unto whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be ascribed glory and honor, salvation and praise, now and forever. AMEN.

Thursday Morning.

Almighty, all-seeing, and most gracious God! who hast created us and all things for Thy glory. We sinful worms of the earth, encouraged by Thine own command and promise, and by the mediation of Thine own Son, do humbly cast ourselves down before Thee, to acknowledge Thy mercies, confess our sins, supplicate Thy favor, and tender Thee our service.

We thank Thee, that Thou hast made us reasonable creatures. Oh form our souls to know, and love, and serve Thee on earth, and to enjoy everlasting happiness in Thy glory above. We bless Thee, that we, who were conceived in sin, and who, in our fleshly state, were enemies to Thee by wicked works, were not left, like the fallen angels, to helpless despair; but that we have an all-sufficient Saviour given us by Thy love, who hath redeemed us by His

blood and conferred a free pardon and title to life upon all, who heartily accept Him as their Lord and Saviour.

We praise Thee for His blessed Gospel; for His spotless example, and for His Holy Spirit promised to all true believers. We thank Thee for our birth and education, our health and friends, our peace and liberty, and for all the comforts of this life. We thank Thee for our public instructions and private helps; for the comforts of Thy worship, and all the means of salvation. But especially would we bless Thee, if Thou hast blessed any of them for our good. Adored be Thy name, that Thou didst not give us over to the blindness of our own minds, the hardness of our hearts, and the dominion of our fleshly wills and desires.

Give us Thy Spirit to lead us to repentance for sin, to sanctify our natures, and to fill us with holy love, that our whole desire may be to Thee, and our whole heart delight in Thee. Regulate our thoughts, words and actions by Thy word; and govern our appetites and passions by Thy grace, that they may not hinder, but further us in Thy service.

Teach us to behave aright in our several stations, whether as superiors, inferiors, or equals,

that we may have comfort, and be useful in them. Mercifully dispose of our persons, our friends, and all our affairs for the best. Protect and provide for our bodies. Make us contented with our daily bread, and patient if we should suffer want. * *

Be merciful, O God, to all the afflicted. Give such seasonable deliverance to the sick, the oppressed, and broken-hearted, as shall be most for their good, for that of others, and for Thy glory. Continue Thy Gospel to Thy churches. Furnish them with skillful, holy, and diligent pastors, and bless the labors of such to the increase of holiness, love, and peace. Bless all in authority. Teach them to govern, and us to obey, as the subjects of the King of kings. Deliver deceived and oppressed nations, especially those professing Christianity, from tyranny and error. Subdue the powers that rebel against Thee, and let the kingdoms of the world, become the kingdoms of Christ. Open a way for the Gospel to them. Send them teachers fitted for so great a work, and crown their labors with success, that thus Thy name may be hallowed, Thy kingdom may come, and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, &c.

Thursday Evening.

Once more, O most gracious God and Father! do we come unto Thee at Thy call, to worship at Thy footstool. Behold us in Thy tender mercies, and let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We confess, we are vile and miserable sinners. We have all gone astray from Thee, every one in his own way. Instead of living wholly to Thy glory, and obeying Thy will in all things, we have sought to please ourselves, minding the things of the flesh, and making provision for the lusts thereof.

Have mercy upon us, O God! pardon our iniquities, and heal all our diseases. Grant us repentance unto life. Enlighten our understandings, to know the wonderful things of Thy law, and the riches of Thy grace in Jesus Christ. Put Thy fear and Thy love in our hearts, that we may never depart from Thee.

Teach us to live by faith, and thus to live above the world, while we are in it, and to use the world as not abusing it. Make us zealous of good works; taking up our cross, and following Christ Jesus our Lord, that, having suf-

fered with Him, we may also be glorified with Him.

By Thy gracious hand, O Lord, rule and protect the land in which we dwell. Bless our president, and the governors of the several States. Enrich them with Thy heavenly grace, and make them blessings in their generations. Grant unto the great council of the nation, the judges and all the magistrates of the land, that wisdom which is from above, that they may rule in Thy fear and judge righteously.

Give all the churches able, holy, and faithful pastors, who may honestly and diligently preach Thy word, and guide Thy flock in the way of Thy truth, holiness, and peace. Bless our land with the fruits of the earth in their season. Preserve us from sickness, from the mischievous contrivances of the wicked, from civil discord and every other evil. Show pity to the afflicted, and sanctify Thy fatherly chastisements. Be a friend to all our friends, and help them and us to perform all the mutual offices of friendship. May all the members of our family be members of Christ, and finally dwell together in Thy kingdom. * *

Accept, O most gracious God, our thanksgiving, for that goodness which has protected

us, and provided for us during the past day. Give us such a deep sense of Thy manifold mercies, as shall awaken our gratitude, constrain us to better obedience, and encourage our constant trust in Thy providence and grace. May goodness and mercy still follow us all our days. We commit ourselves afresh to Thee, and beg Thy care over us through the watches of this night, that no evil may come nigh our persons or our dwelling. Hear, O Lord, we beseech Thee, these, our prayers, through the merits and intercession of Jesus Christ our only Lord and Saviour. AMEN.

Friday Morning.

Blessed and glorious God! Thou art the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, of whom, through whom, and to whom are all things; the Father of mercies, and the God of all grace. We bless Thee, that Thou hast made us after Thine own image, but a little lower than the angels, and crowned us with glory and with honor; that Thou hast taught us more than the beasts of the field, and made us wiser than the fowls of the air. Help us to worship and serve Thee, the Lord our Maker.

May all those powers, by which Thou hast distinguished us from the rest of Thy creatures, be devoted to Thy service and employed for Thine honor.

Make us more thankful for all Thy mercies, and help us not only to speak, but to live Thy praise. We lament our past ingratitude. What unsuitable returns have we made for that goodness of Thine, which has followed us all our days! We earnestly implore Thy pardoning mercy, through the great Mediator, and pray Thee to bestow upon us Thy quickening influence, that we may love Thee more and serve Thee better. Grant us continued supplies of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, that we may give all diligence to add to our faith virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and charity. May these things not only be in us, but abound, that we may not be unfruitful in the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Help us to put on the whole armor of God, that we may stand against the wiles of the devil, and withstand in the evil day. Keep us from the evil of the world, and give us that faith which will overcome it. Help us to walk in all the statutes and ordinances of the Lord blameless. Enable us daily to consider our

latter end, and diligently to prepare for death and eternity. Let us not presume upon long life, or talk of goods laid up for many years, since we know not how soon our souls may be required of us. Lord, so teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Whatsoever our hand findeth to do, may we do it with all our might, since there is no work, nor knowledge, nor device in the grave, whither we are going. * *

And now, Lord, what wait we for? Our hope is in Thee. Let Thine ears be open unto the supplications of Thy servants. Accept our acknowledgments for the mercies of the past night. Take care of us through this day. Fit us for the duties and trials of every day, and prepare us for our last. We beg all this in the name, and through the mediation of the Lord Jesus, who has taught us to pray after this manner:

Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be Thy name, &c.

Friday Evening.

O Thou, whose name alone is Jehovah! the most high God over all the earth; we come before Thee, this evening, to seek Thy favor and implore Thy blessing. Look down upon us in mercy. Let Thy Spirit help our infirmities. Give ear unto our voice, O Lord, and consider our meditation.

We confess, we are utterly unworthy of the least of Thy mercies. We are vile. What shall we answer Thee? We have no merit to plead; but cast ourselves upon Thy sovereign mercy in the Redeemer. Let us experience the bounty and compassion of Thy nature. We plead the blood of atonement. We have sinned, but Christ has died. Oh justify us freely through the redemption that is in Him!

Do Thou heal and sanctify our nature. Help us to put off the old man, which is corrupt; and to put on the new man, which, after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Enlighten our minds, and grant us the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ. Subdue our wills, cast down lofty imaginations, and bring every thought in subjection to Christ. Help us to set our affections on

things above, where Christ sitteth at the right hand of God. And may the God of peace sanctify us wholly, and grant that our whole spirit, soul and body, may be preserved blameless until the coming of Christ.

Shower down, O Lord, Thy blessings upon the inhabitants of the world. Give Thy Son, the heathen for His inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession. Be favorable to the land in which we dwell. Let Thy providence be our defence, and Thy presence, our glory.

Bless the ministers of Thy word. Make them faithful and successful. Be with those especially under whose ministry we are placed. Enable them to speak the things which become sound doctrine. Help us to profit by their endeavors, and grant that we may be their joy and crown in the presence of Christ at His coming.

May Thy blessing rest on this family, and Thy light shine on our tabernacle. [May the heads of the family be zealous in their endeavors for the good of those committed to their care. May the children of the family be their rejoicing, by walking in Thy truth. Help them to flee youthful lusts, and to remember Thee, their Creator.]

Bless all our relatives, friends, and acquaintances. Graciously pity the afflicted; succor the tempted; provide for the poor; and be a present help to all in time of trouble. * *

We bless Thee for the mercies of this day. Pardon the sins of it. Take us under Thy protection this night, and in the morning, raise us again to hear the voice of health and gladness. We ask all in the name of our adorable Mediator and Advocate. AMEN.

Saturday Morning.

O Lord our God, unto Thee would we lift up our souls. Quicken us to call upon Thy name. Assist us by Thy Spirit in our access to Thy mercy-seat, and raise our hearts to Thyself. Teach us to approach Thee, as becometh creatures, and do Thou draw nigh unto us as a God of grace.

We confess we are sinners, and as such unworthy of Thy favor and love. Take away the guilt of our sins, through the atonement of Thy Son. Justify our persons through His righteousness, and subdue the power of our iniquities by Thy Spirit. Form our hearts according to Thy will, and after the image of Thy Son.

Be Thou our light and our strength, and quicken us in the paths of holy obedience.

Preserve the Gospel among us, and let all the means of grace be continued, and made to subserve the great ends of their appointment. Let all Thy providences be sanctified to us. May Thy mercies, as cords of love, draw us nearer to Thyself; and let the strokes of Thine afflicting hand wean us from sin, mortify us to this world, and make us ready for our departure hence, whensoever Thou art pleased to call us. Guide us by Thy counsel, and secure us by Thy grace in all our travels through this dangerous wilderness; and at last, give us the victory over death, and a triumphant entrance into the kingdom of Thy glory.

While here in the body, give such things as are necessary to support our lives and make them easy and comfortable. Let our health, our strength, our peace be maintained, and let holiness to the Lord be inscribed upon them all, that whatever we receive from Thy hands may be improved to Thine honor and our truest advantage.

We pray Thee to enlarge the borders of Thy Son's kingdom. Spread the Gospel among the heathen, and make the name of Christ glorious

from the rising to the setting sun. Bring the remainder of Thine ancient people the Jews, with the fulness of the Gentiles, into Thy Church. Furnish a more abundant measure of Thy Spirit to carry on Thine own work upon earth. May His influences be diffused in plentiful degrees upon Churches, upon ministers, upon families, and upon all the saints. Deliver those who suffer from persecuting powers. Restrain the wrath of man, and cause it to praise Thee.

We pray for the nation to which we belong. May liberty and peace be established and flourish in it. Bless our rulers, supreme and subordinate. May they, with wisdom and faithfulness, manage the affairs with which Thou hast entrusted them. We pray for our friends and relatives. Deliver them from all the evils they feel or fear, and bestow upon them all the good we wish for ourselves, here or hereafter. * *

We give Thee humble and hearty thanks for all Thy mercies vouchsafed to mankind in general, and to ourselves in particular; especially for the safety and refreshment of the past night. May the same good providence defend us through the hours of this day, and may Thy grace assist us in all the duties of it. Hear

and answer us, pardon, accept, and bless us, for Thy mercy's sake in Jesus Christ, through whom, by one Spirit, be ascribed to the only living and true God, everlasting praises. AMEN.

Saturday Evening.

Most high and most holy God! we, who are but dust and ashes, would take upon us to speak to Thy sacred majesty. Wilt Thou pardon our unworthiness and help our infirmities. Hearken to the voice of our cry, O our King and our God, unto whom we would pray.

With gratitude and joy, we acknowledge Thy relation to us, as our Creator, our Redeemer, our King, our Almighty Friend, our reconciled God and Father in Jesus Christ.

We praise Thee for the Gospel which Thou hast published to the world, the Gospel of pardon and of peace; and that Thou hast caused its glad tidings to be proclaimed in our age and nation. We rejoice that we were born in a land of light in which Thou hast built habitations for Thyself, wherein we enjoy the privilege of attending Thy solemn worship, of beholding Thy glory and Thy grace, and of being instructed in the way of salvation.

Thanks be to Thy name, that we thus, not only enjoy many of the conveniences and comforts of this life, but also have the means of grace and salvation near unto us. Thou art inviting us to look unto Jesus and be saved, and to the calls of Thy word and providence, Thou art pleased to add the calls of Thy Spirit in our hearts.

May Thy goodness effectually lead us to repentance, and Thy long-suffering eventuate in our salvation! God forbid, that our distinguished privileges should finally prove distinguished aggravations of our guilt and misery. May we be induced, by the mercies of the Lord, to present our bodies and souls living sacrifices, holy and acceptable in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ, which is our most reasonable service. Under a sense of Thy past goodness in general, and especially on a review of the mercies of the past day and week, we desire, O our heavenly Father, to dedicate ourselves afresh to Thee. We are not our own, but Thine. May we be entirely devoted to Thy service, and enabled to glorify Thee, both with our bodies and our spirits, which are Thine. * *

Guard us against harm and danger during the silent hours of the night. Prepare us all

for the services of Thy house on the ensuing day, and render them pleasant and profitable to us, and to our fellow-worshipers. Assist all Thy ministers in leading the worship of Thy sanctuary, and in delivering the truths of the everlasting Gospel; and command Thy blessing out of Zion, even life for evermore. Grant, that the glad tidings of the Gospel which we hear, may be proclaimed through the whole earth, so that all flesh may know the salvation of the Lord. Accept, O Lord! these, our prayers, and solemn vows, through the worthy name of Thy dear Son, to whom, as the Lamb that was slain, to redeem us unto God by His blood, be glory and dominion forever. AMEN.

THIRD WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

Most glorious God and merciful Father, in our Lord Jesus Christ! We beseech Thee to look with pity upon us, Thy unworthy creatures, who are this morning of Thine own day, drawing near Thy throne of grace.

We bless Thee, that Thou hast preserved us from all dangers through the past week, and the past night; that Thou hast lengthened out our time, and art now giving us another Sabbath; a new opportunity to repent, and make our calling and election sure. As Thou hast awakened our bodies from sleep, so awaken our souls from sin and spiritual slothfulness. As Thou hast caused the light of this day to shine upon our bodies, cause the light of Thy word and Spirit to illuminate our dark minds. And as Thou addest new days and new Sabbaths to our lives, add new grace and strength to our souls, that we may serve Thee acceptably therein.

Help us to remember, that every Sabbath, every sermon, every prayer, sets us a step nearer either to heaven or hell. Under this awful

consideration, may we be engaged to work out our salvation with fear and trembling.

In all the services of this day, keep us, we pray Thee, from drowsiness, wandering, and weariness. Banish all vain and worldly imaginations far from us. Deliver us from hypocrisy in our approaches to Thee. Let us not draw nigh unto Thee with our lips, while our hearts are far from Thee; but give us grace so to ask, that we may receive; so to seek, that we may find; so to knock, that it may be opened unto us.

Bless Thy word, which shall this day be proclaimed in accordance with Thy will. May the ministers of the everlasting Gospel prove true to their important trust, and be instrumental in accomplishing much good. * *

Have mercy, O Lord, upon a world that lieth in wickedness. For Thy name's sake ride forth in the chariot of the everlasting Gospel. Take unto Thyself Thy glorious conquering power, and in Thy majesty ride prosperously. Make the arrows of Thy word sharp in the hearts of Thine enemies, whereby the people may fall under Thee. Cause a gale of heavenly wind this day to blow, that the dry bones may be enlivened, and many dead souls quickened.

And grant, that the faith of Thy people may be strengthened, their desires quickened, and their love inflamed. May Thy churches revive as the corn, and grow as the lily, and shoot forth their branches as Lebanon. May Thy people run in the way of Thy commandments with enlarged hearts. Let Thy kingdom come, and Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We beg all this for Christ's sake, to whom with the Father and Holy Spirit, be everlasting glory and praise. AMEN.

Sunday Evening.

Most holy and glorious God! Who is like unto Thee? Thou art clothed with honor and majesty, and coverest Thyself with light as with a garment. Thou only hast immortality, and dwellest in a light, unto which no man can approach. Yet Thou art a God that hearest prayer, and art ready to forgive; yea, plenteous in mercy unto all who call upon Thee. Quicken us this evening of Thine own holy day, in calling upon Thy name, and graciously attend unto the voice of our supplications.

We acknowledge, we have forfeited Thy favor and deserved Thy wrath. We have left

undone the things which we ought to have done, and have done the things which we ought not to have done. Our own consciences witness against us, and out of our own mouths Thou mightest justly condemn us. But blessed be Thy name, Thou hast provided a way for our pardon and reconciliation in Jesus Christ. Wash away our sins in His blood. May we fly to His cross as our security, and to His words as our refuge; renouncing all confidence in anything besides Him, who is the Lord our righteousness.

May we accept of Him, not only as our Highpriest to atone for us; but also as our King, to reign in and rule over us, all the days of our lives. Do Thou so incline our wills and animate our souls, by Thy Holy Spirit, that we may never count Thy commandments grievous; but may esteem it our highest pleasure and dignity, as well as our greatest duty, to serve and obey Thee. Convince us of the evil and filthiness of sin, that we may loathe and shun it as deadly poison. Cherish and preserve any convictions of this sort, which Thou hast this day wrought in us. Make us doers of Thy word, and not hearers only, deceiving our own souls. Let Thy word be a light to our feet, and a lamp

to our path, that our conversation may be as becometh the Gospel, and our light so shine before men, that others, seeing our good works, may glorify Thee our heavenly Father.

Cause the saving knowledge of Christ to cover the earth, and let His name be great from the rising of the sun, to the going down thereof. Convince the Jews that Shiloh is come, and that Jesus, whom they crucified, is the true Messiah. Lord, appear in behalf of Thine own Church. Never let the gates of hell prevail against Thy Zion. Let the time to favor her come. Peace be within her walls, and prosperity within her palaces, and let them prosper that love her. Bless these United States. Make our rulers public blessings, both in our civil and sacred concerns. Frustrate the designs of those, who are enemies to Thy cause. Countenance the ministers of Thy word, and water the seed they sow with the dews of heaven, that they may bring a large harvest to Christ. * *

Bless all the members of this family. Let this be one of the tabernacles of the righteous, in which the voice of rejoicing and salvation is heard. Enable us all, faithfully to discharge the duties of our several stations. Make us blessings to each other and to all around us.

Accept our daily sacrifices of prayer and praise, and permit us all at last to celebrate an eternal Sabbath with Thee in heaven. All this we ask for the sake and merit of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who, with Thee, and the Holy Spirit, is over all, God blessed for evermore. AMEN.

Monday Morning.

Infinitely great and glorious God! we, poor worms of the dust, encouraged by Thy condescending goodness; by the promises of Thy grace, and the mediation of Thy Son, have taken upon us to speak to Thy majesty. May our hearts be duly prepared to come into Thy sacred presence! Let Thy good Spirit help our infirmities.

We thank Thee, this morning, for all the comforts of social life, with which Thou hast been pleased to favor us. Especially would we bless Thee, for the continuance of our family-mercies. Thanks be to Thy name, that Thou hast kept us from the terrors of the past night; from the malice of evil men; from the devouring flames, and from every calamity; and that Thou hast caused us again to hear Thy loving-kindness in the morning.

Keep us this day, in Thy fear, and let Thy Holy Spirit be our guide and counsellor in all our ways. Preserve us at all times, in all places, and in all companies, from the evil of sin; and enable us to demean ourselves as becometh the children of God, the redeemed of the Lord, and the followers of Jesus Christ. Implant and cherish such principles in our hearts, as shall cause us to have a sincere respect unto all Thy commandments, and to hate every false way. As another Sabbath is now past, and we are entering upon the common days of the week, may we not forget our Sabbath work and enjoyments. Oh that Thy word may make lasting impressions upon us, and that our Sabbath day's frame may remain with us, when we are employed in our common business, that so we may expect the better to prosper in it, and to be rendered fitter for the next Sabbath, if it please Thee to spare us to it. And grant, that, as we go from one sacred day to another, we may go from strength to strength, until we all appear before Thee, in the heavenly Zion.

May we love the Lord our God with all our hearts, and our neighbor as ourselves. Let us not seek our own things, but the things that

are Jesus Christ's. May it be our concern to be useful in our day, and do Thou enable us to improve the talents with which Thou hast entrusted us, for the truest advantage of all with whom we have to do. May goodness and mercy follow us this day, and all our days. Preserve our going out and coming in. Bless and prosper us in all our lawful undertakings. Suffer us to take nothing in hand except it be according to Thy will, and for Thy glory. Be Thou our guide through life, our comfort in death, and our eternal portion beyond it. * *

Hear us from heaven, Thy dwelling-place, and when Thou hearest, have mercy, and forgive the sins of our persons, and the imperfections of our prayers; and do exceeding abundantly above what we are worthy to expect, or able to ask, for His sake, who alone is worthy, Thy beloved Son and our Saviour Jesus Christ, to whom, with Thee, O Father, and the Holy Spirit, be endless praise. AMEN.

Monday Evening.

O Lord, the high and lofty One, who inhabitest eternity, and whose name is holy! When we consider the awful glories of Thy nature, we mean and sinful creatures have cause exceedingly to fear and tremble on appearing in Thy presence. But when we think of Thy encouraging promises, and the discoveries of Thy mercy, our drooping spirits are revived. Thou hast said, that though Thou dwellest in the high and holy place, Thou wilt also dwell with him, who is of an humble and contrite spirit; that the needy shall not be forgotten, and the expectation of the poor shall not perish. Lord, remember Thy word unto Thy servants, upon which Thou hast caused us to hope. Promote in us that contrition and brokenness of heart, in which Thou dost delight, and be graciously pleased to take up Thine abode with us. Dwell in our house, and in our hearts, and manifest to us the tokens of Thy favor and presence.

Thou hast already done great things for us, of which we are glad. We would this evening call upon our souls, and upon one another, to bless the name of the Lord. Blessed be God,

who daily loadeth us with His benefits. Thou preservest us in going out and coming in. Thou spreadest our table and makest our cup to run over.

Pardon whatsoever Thou hast seen amiss in us through the past day. Continue Thy care and protection over us this night. Favor us with refreshing sleep, and prepare us for the duties and events of the coming day.

Watch over this family continually, and send down such blessings upon it, as Thou didst on the house of Obed-Edom for the ark's sake. Banish sin from among us. Implant Thy fear in the hearts of all. Let us dwell together in unity, and do Thou command Thy blessing upon us, even life for evermore. Extend the hand of Thy power and mercy to the utmost corners of the earth, and to them that are afar off upon the seas. Let such as sit in darkness and the shadow of death, see Thy light and Thy truth, and hear the joy of Thy salvation. * *

Be merciful to our country. May our magistrates fear God and hate evil. May those, who minister in holy things, be blessed with skillful heads, compassionate hearts, and exemplary lives. Convert the unconverted, and perfect

the good work where it is begun. Enlighten the ignorant; awaken the secure; convince the erroneous; reclaim the vicious; establish the unsettled; comfort the dejected; and visit the sick and afflicted. Bless all our relatives and friends; forgive our enemies, and turn their hearts. Direct our ways so to please Thee, that even our enemies may be at peace with us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever. AMEN.

Tuesday Morning.

O Lord our God, whose we are, and whom we are bound to serve! we acknowledge our dependence on Thy providence, and desire to give Thee the glory that is due unto Thy name, for Thy constant care over us, and kindness to us. Our voice shalt Thou hear in the morning, O Lord. In the morning will we direct our praises and our prayers unto Thee, and will look up in humble expectation of further mercies at Thy hands.

We bless Thee, that Thou hast given us refreshing sleep, and caused our beds to comfort us. We have not been buried in the ruins of

our habitation. No plague has come nigh our dwelling. We will sing aloud of Thy mercy O Lord, in the morning; for Thou hast been our defence. Make us sensible of the greatness of Thy favors and duly thankful for them.

Put Thy Spirit within us, and cause us to walk in Thy statutes, and keep Thy commandments to do them. Dispose us, O Lord, to the duties of piety towards Thee; justice and charity to our neighbors; sobriety and temperance towards ourselves. So engage our hearts towards Thyself, by the manifold blessings of Thine hands, and especially by the gifts of Thy grace in a Redeemer, that we may esteem it our meat and our drink to do Thy will.

Continue to us the health and safety, the prosperity and comforts, which Thou hast hitherto afforded us; and give us hearts to improve them aright to Thy glory. Fit us for all the events that may befall us. Sanctify to us our crosses, as well as our comforts, and cause both to work together for our good. Make us humble in a high estate, contented in a low one, and still careful about our souls in all conditions.

We depend upon Thee, O Lord, for direction and success in all our undertakings. Choose

our inheritance for us, and dispose of us and all that concerns us, to the glory of Thy name. Grant us all things needful and convenient for our present pilgrimage state. Give us day by day our daily bread, and save us at all times from distrusting Thy Providence. May we be careful for nothing; but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, make our requests known to God. May we set the Lord always before us, and while we live upon Thy bounty, may we continually live to Thy praise. And do Thou so guide us in all our ways, with Thy counsel, that Thou mayest hereafter receive us to Thy glory. * *

And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God our heavenly Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us, and all for whom we ought to pray, this day, and for evermore. AMEN.

Tuesday Evening.

Most great and ever-blessed God! we, the creatures of Thy power, desire at this time, with all humility, to bow ourselves in Thine awful presence. We acknowledge ourselves to be sinners, and as such, unworthy of Thy favor.

But we come unto Thee, in the name of Thy Son Jesus Christ, and implore Thy pardoning mercy in and through Him. For His sake, free us from the guilt and power of sin, and send down Thy Holy Spirit upon our hearts, in a rich abundance. May He inspire us with a hatred of every thing that is displeasing to Thee, and form us to a love of universal goodness, and a desire of making continual improvements in it.

While we continue in this present world, give us food to eat, and raiment to put on, health of body, and cheerfulness of mind, and whatever other enjoyments are necessary to make our journey through life comfortable. But let us not seek our portion on earth. Help us so to live from day to day, that should death overtake us ever so suddenly, it may not be a terrible, but a joyful surprise. Support us in our last extremities, and help us to honor Thee by our dying behavior. Receive our departing spirits to the embraces of Thy mercy, and give us a triumphant part in the resurrection of the just.

We pray for the advancement of Thy Gospel in the world. Let pure religion and undefiled before God the Father, increase both at home

and abroad. May the ministers of Thy Gospel, of every denomination, with united affection, ardent zeal, and eminent success, carry on the work of the Lord. Spread among Christians everywhere, a spirit of forbearance, candor, and love. Visit all who are in affliction, whether personal or relative, in mind, body, or estate. Graciously support them under their sorrows, and in Thine own time, send them deliverance.

Bless us as a family. May we all be faithful in the discharge of our duty to Thee, and to each other. Let our united and retired devotions be so performed, as to have the happiest influence on our temper and on our lives. * *

And now, O most merciful Father, we desire with all our hearts to bless Thy holy name, for all Thy goodness to us, and to the whole human race. We especially praise Thee for the mercies of the past day, and humbly commit ourselves to Thy protection and favor this night. Guard us from all evil, and grant, that, when we next assemble together, we may have reason to unite our praises for the continuance of Thy goodness. May we be perpetually advancing in our preparation for that world, where we hope to worship Thee, without any of those imperfections which now attend us. All this we

ask and hope, through the merits of Thy Son Jesus Christ, in whom we have righteousness and strength, and in whose name and words we would conclude our addresses, saying,

Our Father, &c.

Wednesday Morning.

O Thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, the Most High God over all the earth! we would approach Thee this morning once more as worshipers. May a sense of Thy greatness, and of Thy goodness, deeply impress our minds, and influence our thoughts and affections, as we thus present ourselves before Thee.

We would praise Thee for all our mercies, and especially that Thou hast not spared Thine own beloved Son, but hast freely delivered Him up for us all. We would come in His name, and make mention of His righteousness only. May we be justified by His death, and saved by His life! In whatsoever circumstances we may be placed, whether they be prosperous or adverse, may we be therewith content. Only assure us, that Thou wilt be with us in trouble, as well as in prosperity, and that, at the end of this vale of tears, we shall enter Immanuel's

land. Bless our friends and relatives. May they be fellow-heirs with us of the grace of life. Let our house be the tabernacle of the righteous. May all connected with this family be a seed to serve Thee. Forbid that any of us, who surround this family altar, should at last be of the number of those, amongst whom there shall be weeping, and wailing, and gnashing of teeth, when they shall see Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of God, and they themselves shut out. Help us all to regard our religious opportunities as talents, for which we must give an account. May we ever remember, that our greatest danger results from our highest privileges, and fear, lest a promise being left us of entering into Thy rest, any of us should seem to come short of it. * *

In the duties of this day, be Thou graciously present with us. Preserve us from temptation, and from the allurements of the world. Defend us from danger, and prepare us for whatever may be Thy will in regard to us. In all circumstances, may we manifest a Christian spirit, being kept from anger, and pride, and ambition; from envy, hatred, and malice, and all uncharitableness. May we be diligent in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of the saints; given to hospitality. May we rejoice with those who do rejoice, and weep with those who weep. Help us to provide things honest in the sight of all men; and live peaceably with all. To the end of our lives, may we be the humble and constant followers of Jesus Christ, so that, at last, through His merits, we may, with all Thy people, be admitted to the joys of Thy kingdom above.

And to the only wise God, our Saviour, be praise and glory everlasting. AMEN.

Wednesday Evening.

O Thou King of Glory! we desire to approach Thee with reverence and godly fear, and to worship Thee in the beauty of holiness. Do Thou condescend to visit us in mercy, and bestow upon us the grace we need. Thou art the fountain of all life and blessedness. Help us to seek our happiness only in Thee. May we not be of the number of those whose inquiry is, Who will show us any good? But may our language ever be: Whom have we in heaven but Thee,

and there is none upon earth we desire beside Thee?

Thus far, O Lord, hast Thou led us on, in our journey through life, and we have ever found Thee faithful to Thy promises. We have had our sorrows; but Thou hast been a present help in every time of trouble. We have had our fears; but Thou hast not suffered the enemy to triumph over us. We have sometimes been on the verge of despair, and ready to regard ourselves as cast out of Thy sight; but, we have been enabled to look towards Thy holy temple, and have found the shadow of death chased away by the light of Thy presence. Hitherto, Lord, hast Thou helped us! We bless Thy holy name for Thy goodness to us. Unto Thee will we render praise; for Thou hast delivered our souls from death. Wilt Thou not also deliver our feet from falling, that we may walk before God, in the light of the living?

We would remember the intimate relations we sustain to others, and, by sympathy, and prayer, and praise, make their miseries and mercies our own. We would rejoice with those that rejoice, and weep with those that weep. Provide support and employment for the poor. Make the widow's heart to sing for joy; and in

Thee may the fatherless find mercy. Visit those who are on beds of sickness, and prepare them for Thy pleasure. If they shall live, may it be to serve Thee. If their sickness shall end in death, may it be to triumph in Thy grace.

Bless our nation. May every department of it be under the control of infinite wisdom and goodness; and let righteousness and peace be the stability of our times. Do good in Thy good pleasure unto Zion; build Thou the walls of Jerusalem; and may all our Churches, like the original disciples, continue steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine, and in fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayer. * *

Protect and refresh us during the night season, and cause us to hear Thy loving-kindness in the morning; for in Thee do we trust. Make us to know the way wherein we should go; for we lift up our souls unto Thee. These mercies we implore through the intercession of Thy Son, and our Saviour. And blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Thursday Morning.

Almighty and most glorious Jehovah! we adore Thee as the God of nature, the God of providence, and the God of grace. In compliance with Thy condescending invitation, we come with boldness to the throne of mercy, that we may find grace to help in every time of need; and would earnestly plead Thine own gracious promise, to give Thy Spirit unto them who ask Him of Thee.

Be Thou surety unto Thy servants for good. Shed abroad the sanctifying influences of Thy grace on our souls, to form us for every duty which Thou requirest. Implant every Christian grace and virtue deep in our hearts, and maintain and strengthen them amidst all assaults both from within and without.

May we be so joined to Christ Jesus our Lord, as to become one spirit with Him, and feel His invigorating influences continually bearing us on, superior to every temptation, and to every corruption; that while the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men utterly fall, we may so wait upon the Lord as to renew our spiritual strength, to run without weariness, to walk without fainting; yea, to fly as on the

wings of eagles towards heaven. May we be going on continually from one degree of faith and love, of holiness and zeal, unto another, until we appear perfect before Thee in Zion, to drink in immortal vigor and joy from Thee, the everlasting fountain of both.

Whilst we are here, we are surrounded with dangers and difficulties. Blessed God, to Thine almighty power we flee. O Thou that savest by Thy right hand them that put their trust in Thee, stretch out Thine omnipotent arm to save us. We put ourselves under Thy protection. Let Thy grace be sufficient for us, and Thy strength be made perfect in our weakness. Increase our faith. Encourage our hope, and inspire us with an heroic resolution, in opposing every thing, which obstructs us in our way to heaven. If sinners entice, let us not consent. If they insult, let us not regard it. If they threaten, let us not fear. * *

Keep us, O God, this day and at all times, by Thy mighty power, and on that may we always rely. Never let us think ourselves strong enough, to maintain the combat without Thee, nor yet imagine ourselves so weak, that Thou canst not support us. Wherever Thou leadest us, there let us follow, and whatever

station Thou appointest for us, there let us labor. In the midst of dangers and discouragements, may we look unto Jesus, the captain of our salvation, the great author and finisher of our faith; and may we finally be made more than conquerors, through Him who hath loved us, and in whom all have righteousness and strength, and unto whom be ascribed salvation and honor, blessing and praise, now and forever. AMEN.

Thursday Evening.

Ever blessed and glorious God! we prostrate ourselves this evening before Thy throne, to tender Thee the homage which is Thy due; and under a sense of our great unworthiness, we beg to be accepted through Jesus Christ.

We bless Thee for the continual care of Thy providence over us, by night and by day, and for the numberless blessings with which our lives are crowned. How precious are Thy thoughts unto us, O God! If we would count them, they are more than can be numbered. We particularly praise Thee for the safety and comforts of the past day. Under a sense of Thy former kindness, we commit ourselves and

each other to Thy future care. May we this night rest secure under the shadow of Thy wings, and let Thy good providence continue to be exercised for our protection and comfort. O Thou great Shepherd of Israel, whose watchful eye is ever upon them who trust in Thee, preserve us lying down and rising up, going out and coming in, from this time forth and forever.

We would especially be solicitous for the safety and happiness of our souls. In the midst of ten thousand snares and dangers, from without and from within, permit us to look up to Thee as the God of salvation, to whom belong the issues from death. Preserve us from that pride, which goeth before destruction, and that lust of ambition, by which so many have fallen. Promote in us, that humility and lowliness of mind, which so well become the disciples of the blessed Jesus. May we learn of Him, who was meek and lowly in heart. Deliver us from covetousness, which is idolatry, and that love of the world, which is enmity with God. May our desires after worldly possessions, and our delight in them, be moderated by considering their uncertain and unsatisfying nature; and while others are lay-

ing up for themselves treasures on earth, may we be rich towards God.

Deliver us from all those fleshly lusts, which war against the soul, and from all those vices of the mind, which tend to grieve Thy good Spirit, and to banish peace and joy from the heart. Especially, we pray that Thou wilt deliver us from the sins, which do most easily beset us, and enable us to set a special guard against them. Help us continually to watch and pray, that we may not enter into temptation, and to keep our hearts with all diligence, since out of them are the issues of life. * *

We lament, that, through our neglect of watchfulness and prayer, we have so often yielded to temptation, and fallen into sin. Mercifully pardon all our past neglects. Make us more circumspect for the time to come; and do Thou, O God of all grace, keep us from falling, and preserve us by Thy mighty power, through faith unto salvation. Our safety and our happiness are in Thee alone. On Thy power, grace, and faithfulness will we rely, and to Thy name shall be all the glory, through Jesus Christ our only Mediator and Advocate. AMEN.

Friday Morning.

Most glorious and ever-blessed Jehovah! we humbly adore Thee, as the Creator and Lord of all; the wise and holy, and gracious Governor of the universe, whom all Thy rational creatures are bound, by duty and interest, to worship, love, and obey. As we were made by Thee, so we were made for Thee, and our best service is Thy due.

With sorrow and shame, we confess our manifold violations of Thy wise and holy law. As it demands perfect obedience, and we are all transgressors of it, we are convinced that by the deeds of the law no flesh living can be justified. We thank Thee for that blessed Gospel which Thou hast sent among us, in which the glad tidings of salvation by Jesus Christ are proclaimed. Teach us to form right views of the religion of the Gospel, and give us to experience the life and power of it in our souls.

If hitherto any of us are strangers to the things which belong to our eternal peace, convince us of our guilt and danger, and let that blessed Spirit, who is the author of the new creation, create us anew in Christ Jesus. Work in us that faith which is the operation of God.

Direct us to behold Jesus as laboring, suffering, dying, and ascending for the salvation of sinners. Give us faith in the efficacy of His righteousness, atonement, and intercession, and enable us to come unto Him that we may have life, and to rely upon Him for complete salvation. May we know what it is to have our whole hearts subdued by His love, so as to be crucified with Him, to be dead unto sin, to be mortified to the world, but alive unto God. Make us to bear His image, to obey His laws, to pursue His service, to seek His glory, to promote His cause.

Whatever there be wanting in us, to constitute us real Christians, Lord, discover it to us, and work it in us. Beat down every false, presumptuous hope, and let us know the worst of ourselves while yet there is a remedy. If any secret sin be lurking in our hearts, root it out, however painful the operation. May all old things pass away, and all things become new. If we are Christians indeed, and have received the grace of God in truth, give us the comfortable evidence of Thy good work begun. May Thy Spirit witness with our spirits, that we are the children of God. Make us more sensible of our imperfections, more humble for them,

more desirous and diligent to have them removed. Do Thou perfect what is lacking in our knowledge and in our faith, and fulfill in us all Thy good pleasure. * *

We praise Thee for Thy continued goodness to us. We commend ourselves, and all that are dear unto us, to Thy future care. May Thy providence guard and provide for us this day, and may Thy grace enable us every day to live in Thy fear. Pardon, accept, and bless us, O Father of mercies, through Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, who is our hope, in whom believing we would rejoice, and desire to be found living, dying, and forever. AMEN.

Friday Evening.

O Thou ever-blessed, glorious, and gracious God! who art the fountain both of the natural and spiritual life, we, Thy dependent creatures, are once more met together to make our united acknowledgments to Thee. We would praise Thee for mercies already received, and implore future blessings according to our necessities, both for body and soul.

We thank Thee, that Thou gavest us being, and hast, amid so many dangers and provoca-

tions, continued us in it. It is Thy visitation which upholds our spirits, and to Thy free, unmerited goodness are we indebted for those things, which render our lives happy. Blessed be God for all our enjoyments of an outward nature, both personal and relative. May they be continued to us, and be wisely improved! While we live, may we live unto the Lord.

If any of us are as yet dead in trespasses and sins, do Thou raise us to a new, a spiritual and divine life. Adored be the riches of Thy grace, if any of us have ground to hope, that Thou hast begun this good work in us. We lament the imperfections of it, and pray that Thou wilt strengthen what Thou hast wrought. May we grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Form our minds to those right notions of religion, on which our progress in it so much depends. Give us a growing acquaintance with Thee, with ourselves, and with the doctrines, precepts, and promises of the glorious Gospel.

Make us faithful stewards to our great Lord, from whom we have received all we have, and to whom we must shortly render a strict account. May we think of no interest of our own, in opposition to Thine, or as separate from

it; but consider it as most effectually living to ourselves, when we live most unto Thee.

Under a growing sense of Thy love to us, may we feel an increasing love to our brethren of mankind; and as we have ability and opportunity, may we be ready to do good unto all. Whatever of the good things of this life Thou hast lodged in our hands for their relief, may we be Thy faithful almoners; and while we give liberally, may we do it with discretion, so as to answer the best ends. And do Thou multiply the seed sown, and so prosper us in our worldly affairs, if it be Thy blessed will, that we may have more to impart to them who are in need. * *

Have pity upon the world that lies in wickedness, and let the Gospel every where be the power of God unto salvation. Bless our country, and let Thy favor extend to all ranks of men. Promote among us that righteousness which exalteth a nation. Awaken the zeal, and succeed the labors of Thy ministers and Thy people, for the honor of Christ and the salvation of souls. Show mercy to all in distress. Be a friend to all our friends, and let our worst enemies obtain Thy salvation. Let us experience the tokens of Thy presence with

us this night, and in the morning may we find ourselves still with Thee. We ask all in the name, and as the disciples, of the benevolent Saviour of men, who went about continually doing good, and loved us even unto death; unto whom be glory for ever. AMEN.

Saturday Morning.

Eternal and unchangeable Jehovah! the Creator of heaven and earth, the Lord of angels and men; we desire, with the deepest humiliation of soul, to fall down, at this time, in Thine awful presence, and present ourselves before Thee. Do Thou penetrate our hearts with a becoming sense of Thine unutterable glories and condescending goodness.

We would avouch Thee the Lord, to be our God, and give ourselves up to Thee as Thy people. Accept us as Thine own, and grant that we may henceforth be entirely Thine, Thine forever. To Thee we desire to present the whole frame of our nature; all the members of our bodies, and all the faculties of our minds, as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable unto God, which we know to be our most reasonable service. To Thee also would we consecrate all

our earthly possessions, to be enjoyed and laid out for Thine honor. And the remainder of our time on earth, we desire to spend in Thy service. Do Thou instruct and enable us so to employ every year, and day, and hour, as shall most promote Thine honor.

Whatever influence Thou givest us over others, help us to improve it for Thy glory and their good. May we resolve especially, that we and our house shall serve the Lord. Use us, we beseech Thee, as instruments of Thy glory, and honor us so far as, either by doing or suffering what Thou shalt appoint, to bring some revenue of praise to Thee, and of benefit to the world. May we henceforth consider ourselves as not our own, but Thine; no longer strangers and foreigners, but Thy peculiar people, fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of faith. Being devoted to Thee as Thy people, enable us to rejoice in Thee as our God in an everlasting covenant.

We confess, O Lord, our unworthiness of this honor and privilege, and our insufficiency for the duties which we owe Thee. Wash us, we beseech Thee, in the blood of Thy Son; clothe us with Thy righteousness, and sanctify us by the Spirit of Thy grace. Destroy more and

more the power of sin in our hearts; transform us more and more into Thine own image; and form us to a resemblance of the blessed Jesus, whom we acknowledge as our teacher, and our example, our sacrifice and intercessor. Communicate to us the needful influences of Thy enlightening, quickening, and comforting Spirit. Lift upon us the light of Thy countenance, and enable us to go on our way rejoicing. May we, this day especially, find Thee near unto us, in all its duties, privileges, and mercies, enabling us, in the midst of all, to improve to Thy glory and the good of our souls. * *

When we have done and suffered Thy will on earth, remove us hence, when and how Thou pleasest; only grant, that, in our dying moments, we may be enabled to glorify Thee, and with our last breath, show forth Thy praise. Place underneath us Thine everlasting arms; put strength and confidence into our departing spirits, and receive us into the embraces of Thine everlasting love. We ask all through Jesus, the great Mediator of the covenant, to whom, with Thee, O Father, and Thine Holy Spirit, be everlasting praises ascribed. AMEN.

Saturday Evening.

It is good to give thanks unto Thy name, O Lord, and to show forth Thy praises, O Thou Most High; morning and evening to speak of Thy faithfulness and to talk of all Thy wonderful works. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us, bless His holy name. Thou hast, indeed, been good unto us. Help us ever to make to Thee proper returns.

O Thou greatest and best of beings, possess our souls with a supreme delight in Thyself, and cause us to long after more abundant communications of Thy favor, and a nearer comformity to Thy will and to Thy blessed nature. Withdraw our affections more and more from all created objects, and engage us to return unto Thee, and repose ourselves in Thee as our rest, who hast dealt so bountifully with us. Thou art our Father and our friend for time and for eternity. As such may we cheerfully commit ourselves to Thee for both, leaving it to Thee to choose our inheritance, and to order all our affairs; while we make it all our business to serve Thee, and all our delight to praise Thee. May our souls follow hard after Thee, and still press on toward Thee; and may Thy right

hand uphold us, until all our desires be accomplished in the full enjoyment of Thee.

Amidst all the difficulties and dangers of our mortal pilgrimage, may we feel ourselves supported, and borne forward by Thine Almighty arm, towards the region of blessedness. May we be waiting for Thy salvation with ardent desire, and yet with calm resignation, whilst we are found doing Thy commandments. May our loins be girt about, and our lamps be burning, as those who are waiting for their Lord; and grant that we may be found of Him in peace. The close of every week and every day brings us nearer to the close of life. May every week and every day find us wiser and better; more fit to leave this world and to enter into the heavenly state.

We pray that Thy blessing may be upon all Thy people. Feed Thine inheritance and lift them up forever. May every association formed for Thine own praise flourish in knowledge, holiness, and love. Clothe Thy ministers with salvation, that by their means Thy chosen people may be made joyful. Cause a glorious accession to Thy churches everywhere. May converts fly to Jesus as a cloud, and as doves to their windows. May Thy table, O Lord, be

furnished with guests; and may all that love Thy salvation, say, "Let the Lord be magnified, who hath pleasure in the prosperity of His servants." We pray that those, who profess to have received Christ Jesus the Lord, may be duly careful to walk in Him. * * *

Grant that the solemnities of Thine house on the ensuing day, may be blessed to us and to our fellow-worshipers; and that by all the services of Thy Church below, we may be preparing to join the general assembly and Church of the first-born above. We present these, our imperfect praises and prayers, to Thee, in the all-prevailing name of Jesus, who died for our sins, and who rose again for our justification, and ever lives to make intercession for us; to whom be honor and dominion everlasting. AMEN.

FOURTH WEEK.

Sunday Morning.

Unto Thee, O Lord, would we once more lift up our hearts, and unto Thee direct our supplication and prayer; for that Thy name is near, Thy wondrous works declare. It is our greatest honor and advantage to be allowed access to Thee; but our souls are so bowed down with a spirit of infirmity, that we cannot lift them up unto Thee. Lord, cure this sad disease; cleanse us from all our sins, remove our carnality, and spiritualize our affections.

We praise Thee for Thy distinguishing mercies to us, especially that we were born and do still live in a valley of vision; in a lightsome Goshen, whilst other nations of the earth are still overwhelmed with Egyptian darkness. We bless Thee for Thy holy word, which is a light to our feet and a lamp to our path. Especially would we praise Thee for the great Gospel record, "that God hath given to us eternal life, and that this life is in His Son." May we receive it as a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation. May we have an interest in the mediation of Thy Son; and may He be made

of God unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption.

Grant that our hearts may this day be filled with pleasing thoughts of Christ, and of that great love wherewith He hath loved us. For His sake forgive all our sins, in thought, word, and deed; and let our lusts be mortified, that they may not be as clogs to hinder the ascent of our souls heavenward.

Give to Thy servants, who shall preach Thy word this day, the tongue of the learned, that they may rightly divide the word of truth, and speak a word in season to the souls of their hearers, and suitable to their various cases. Do Thou glorify Thy free grace and sovereign power, in making the Gospel effectual for opening the hearts of sinners, and bringing them to cast down the weapons of rebellion, and touch the golden sceptre of mercy, that they may live.

In praying, in praising, in reading, and in hearing Thy word, may Thy good Spirit rest upon us, and enable us to do all as for our life. Help us so to spend this day, and all our days, that we may at length receive the end of our faith, even the salvation of our souls. May we spend every Sabbath, and hear every sermon,

as if it were our last, since we know not how soon our last will come. * *

May we thus grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, until we attain to the stature of a perfect man in Christ Jesus and shall at last be permitted, with all Thy ransomed ones, to surround Thy throne of glory above, and unite in praising Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, in a world without end. AMEN.

Sunday Evening.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and art to come! Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and canst not look upon sin with pleasure. Yet we rejoice to know, there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared; yea, plenteous redemption in Jesus Christ Thy Son. We would approach Thee this night in His all-prevailing name, and ask that we may be accepted of Thee in Him.

We have been favored with the light, and with the blessings and privileges of another of Thy holy Sabbaths, as these are enjoyed in a Christian land. Thou knowest, O Lord, how

far we have improved them to the purpose for which they have been given. Forbid that it should be in vain, or even worse than in vain, that we have enjoyed such distinguished privileges as Thou hast this day bestowed upon us. Let not the seed of Thy word, which has been sown in our hearts, be plucked away by Satan, lost through temptation, or choked by the cares of this life; but may it be properly treasured up, and permitted to bring forth fruit to Thine honor and glory.

Grant, O Lord, that our lives may ever exhibit whose we are, and whom we desire to serve. Renew us in the spirit of our minds; and make us in every thing such as Thou wouldst have us to be. Mortify our pride and clothe us with humility. Subdue our angry passions, and put on us the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which, in the sight of God, is of great price. Help us to crucify the flesh, with all its affections and lusts; to keep under our body, and to bring it into subjection to the laws of reason and religion, that we may always possess our vessel in sanctification and honor.

Prepare us for whatever we may meet with between this and the grave. We know not

what is before us, but Thou knowest; and we desire cheerfully to leave ourselves in Thy hands, who orderest all things well. We beg of Thee, to fit us by Thy grace, for all the services, and all the sufferings to which Thou mayest call us. Arm us against every temptation, and help us at all times, and in all conditions, to glorify God, to keep a good conscience, and to be found in the way of our duty, that we may maintain our hope and joy in Christ, and have a bright believing prospect of eternal life.

We pray for all who have this day heard the word of salvation. Grant unto them the mercies we ask for ourselves. Let Thy ministers, who water others, be abundantly watered in their own souls. Strengthen them for their work, and give them success in it. Remember in much mercy those, who, by Thy Providence, have this day been kept from Thy house, and grant them special supplies of Thy grace. May such as have wilfully or ignorantly absented themselves from Thy courts, have their eyes opened to see, and their hearts awakened to feel, their guilt and danger, and learn to flee from the wrath to come. Hasten the time, when Thy house shall be a house of prayer for

all nations, and the whole world shall worship in Thy courts. * *

We ask these mercies, together with Thy care and protection this night, in the name and for the sake of Him, who loved us and gave Himself for us; to whom, with Thee, the Father, and the Holy Spirit, would we ascribe praises evermore. AMEN.

Monday Morning.

Incomprehensibly great and glorious Jehovah we are again this morning, in circumstances of goodness and mercy, permitted to lift up our hearts and voices unto Thee. Accept our sincere and united thanks for the protection Thou hast afforded us, and the refreshing sleep we have enjoyed during the past night.

Be graciously present with us, through the whole of this day, and of this week, upon the secular employments of which we are now about to enter. Enable us to carry the spirit of our holy religion into all our transactions with the world. May we especially in all things, be conscientiously just, knowing that all, who do unrighteously, are an abomination unto the Lord. Help us to guide our affairs

with discretion, that we may have it in our power to show favor, and assist our neighbor, in whatsoever business he hath need of us, as becometh saints. Enable us upon all occasions, and in all circumstances, to show mercy, that we may never have mercy without judgment from Thee. If it should please Thee to crown our efforts with success, so that we shall increase and abound in the good things of this life, let our rising in the world only go hand in hand with the preservation and comfortable subsistence of all around us.

In the midst of all, O Lord, help us from morning to night, to take heed lest at any time our hearts be overcharged with the cares of this life; remembering that Thou hast expressly said: "He that maketh haste to be rich, shall not be innocent." Deliver us, we beseech Thee, from the inordinate love of money, which is the root of all evil; which, while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows. Let us not be over anxious to lay up for ourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust do corrupt, and where thieves may break through and steal; but help us to lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven, that,

where our treasure is, there our hearts may be also forever.

Enable us at all times to cherish in our hearts, a lively sense, both of the shortness and uncertainty of time. May this engage us carefully to redeem it, and so to number all our days, that we may employ them in habitual preparation for death. Give us, we beseech Thee, this day our daily bread. Forgive our numberless failings and shortcomings in duty. Forbid that we should indulge either malice or envy in our hearts toward any fellow-creature. May we not fall into temptation; but should Thy will be otherwise, wilt Thou enable us to resist and overcome such temptations as shall overtake us. And in the evening, may we return to a throne of grace, with a conscience void of offence, and a heart filled with gratitude to Thee, for the privileges and blessings of another day. * *

Now unto the Three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; be ascribed, as is most due, all praise and power, dominion and glory, world without end. AMEN.

Monday Evening.

God of all goodness, mercy, and grace! we again appear before Thee as worshipers, and humbly ask, that Thou wouldst hear our prayer, and give ear to the words of our mouth.

We acknowledge, that we are unworthy of the least of all Thy mercies, and much more so, of the distinguished privileges we enjoy. We are sinful by nature and by practice. Wert Thou to deal with us as we deserve, we must expect from Thee nothing but indignation and wrath. To us belong shame and confusion of face; but to Thee, mercy and forgiveness, that Thou mayest be feared. Deal not with us according to our sins; but look upon us in the face of Thine anointed. Him would we hold up as our shield. To Christ alone would we look for pardon and acceptance with Thee.

Give us, O Lord, that best evidence of pardon and acceptance, which ariseth from a conformity of mind and will to Thee, and to our blessed Master. Let us receive grace, whereby we may serve Thee acceptably. May none of us henceforward live unto ourselves. We are not our own; for we are bought with a price.

May we, therefore, glorify Thee in our body, and in our spirit, which are Thine.

We would, by Thy grace, this evening, form sincere resolutions, to live more and more soberly, honestly, and godly, in this present evil world. And to this purpose, we humbly beseech Thee, to teach us to reflect seriously upon the shortness of life; the rapidity with which our days, and weeks, and months, and years, pass away. Help us to consider, that our career may terminate every moment, when death shall summon us to judgment, and the consequences be eternal. Lord, teach us, therefore, so to number and improve every day, as if we were certain it should be our last. May we not, like the foolish virgins, sleep or even slumber, in a cold outward profession; but having our loins girded, and our lamps burning, may we imitate the wise virgins, ever watching and making ready for the coming of our Lord; and thus may we hope to appear before Him with confidence and holy joy.

Keep us this night, O God, under the shadow of Thy wings, and defend our bodies and souls from all evil. Refresh us with sleep, and if Thou art pleased to grant us the privilege of another day in this state of probation, may our

renewed strength be employed to advance Thy glory and promote the best interests of all around us.

Continue still to be kind and favorable to all our relatives and friends. May we all be united in the same covenant of redemption here, and be permitted to enjoy its more glorious privileges together hereafter.

Let the country in which we live, continue to be the object of Thy special care. If consistent with the designs of Thy Providence, may it never be the seat of war; but be the constant abode of liberty and peace. We long for the time, when wars shall cease to the ends of the earth, and there shall be nothing to hurt or destroy in all Thy holy mountain. Hasten that happy time, O God, and prepare the world for it. * *

And now, the God of Israel cause us to go from His throne in peace, and with the hope of pardon and acceptance; and to the Father, Son and blessed Spirit, be eternal praises. AMEN.

Tuesday Morning.

Almighty God and everlasting Father! Thou art the source of every good, and the fountain of every blessing; the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and in and through Him, we would fondly hope, our God and Father. Help us to pour out our hearts before Thee, with the same confidence and affection, with which children go to an earthly parent.

We have great and abundant cause, to bless Thee, our God, for all that Thou art in Thyself, and for all that Thou art to us. Thy mercies are new every morning. We have met together around this family altar in peace and safety. Thou hast been our defence and our refuge. Let then the outgoings of the morning and of the evening praise Thee.

We thank Thee more especially for all the blessings of redemption. In the Gospel of Christ, mercy and truth meet together, and righteousness and peace kiss each other. Thus can even we rejoice in Thy power and justice; Thy holiness, mercy, and love; and bless Thee, that the light of the knowledge of this Thy glory, shines in the hearts of Thy people, in

the face of Jesus Christ. Blessed be Thou, the just God, and the Saviour.

We acknowledge ourselves to be unworthy of the least of Thy mercies. We are all sinful and guilty. We have turned every one to his own way. In many things we have all offended Thee, and in all have we come short.

We plead Thy mercy through Jesus Christ Thy Son, who bore our sins in His own body on the tree. We plead Thy faithfulness according to Thy many precious promises. Cleanse, we beseech Thee, the thoughts of our hearts, by the influence of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name.

Strengthen us for the duties of this day. Suffer us not to be tempted above what we are able to bear; but with every temptation, make a way of escape. Hold Thou up our goings in Thy paths, that our footsteps slip not. Set a watch before our mouths, and keep the door of our lips, that we offend not with our tongue. Enable us also to keep our heart with all diligence, seeing that out of it, are the issues of life. Increase our faith, enliven our hope, and enlarge our charity, that we may faithfully serve Thee, and in all things glorify Thy name.

We pray for all our relatives and friends. Give them prosperity both of body and soul. Grant that grace and peace may be multiplied to all those, who call on the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Seek and save the lost sheep of the house of Israel. Let the light of life also shine into every benighted heart. Increase especially among the people of this nation, the number of those, who know, and love, and serve Thee. Bless our rulers, and guide our statesmen; teach Thy ministers and prosper Thy people, that there may be no complaining in our streets; and that it may be said of us, "Happy is the people, that is in such a case; yea, happy is that people, whose God is the Lord." * *

These prayers we offer up in the name, and through the mediation of Thy Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who hath taught us to pray,

Our Father, &c.

Tuesday Evening.

O THOU, who art the God of all the families of the earth, and who didst favorably notice Abraham's commanding his children after him, to keep the way of the Lord; be Thou present with us now, and enable us, by Thy Holy Spirit, and through Thy Son's intercession, to worship Thee in spirit and in truth.

We come before Thee, acknowledging that we were all born in sin, the children of wrath, and have in common a corrupt nature and a continued propensity to depart from Thee. How often have we offended Thee, the God of all the earth, by actual transgressions! Even during the day that is past, have we, by vain thoughts, by idle words, by sinful indulgences, grieved Thy Spirit, and incurred Thy displeasure. Our only refuge is in Thy promised mercy in Christ Jesus. We cast ourselves wholly on that mercy. Fixing all our hopes on our Saviour Jesus, we confess our guilt, and earnestly pray that His blood may cleanse us from all sin.

Oh that all now kneeling before Thee, may indeed obtain mercy in Christ Jesus, pass from death unto life, and love and serve Thee un-

feignedly. But, O Lord, how cold is our love to Thee; how dull, how dead are our hearts! Help us to love Thee, our God, with all our heart, with all our mind, with all our soul, and with all our strength. Shed abroad the love of God in our hearts, by giving us the Holy Ghost, and may we be taught of God to love one another.

Bless all who are near and dear unto us. Many beloved relatives and friends are absent from us; but Thou art with them, and all their wants are known to Thee. Give them Thy grace. Ever guide them here by Thy counsel, and may none of them be wanting in Thy heavenly kingdom.

We pray for all in authority. May their counsels be so ordered by Thee, as shall be most for the good of our country. Grant, we beseech Thee, to all ministers of Jesus Christ every where, true knowledge and understanding of Thy word; and may they set it forth in their lives accordingly. Make them wise to win souls. Call forth, and send out many faithful laborers to the work of the ministry. May the distant isles wait on Thee, and the Gentiles come to Thy light. Bless every society established for benefiting the bodies or

the souls of men, and especially those, in which we are more immediately engaged and interested.

Thanks be unto Thee, O Lord, for all Thy goodness toward us. How multiplied are Thy mercies every day! How excellent is Thy loving-kindness! We bless Thee for all Thy long-suffering and forbearance toward us. We bless Thee for the infinite mercies of redeeming love. We bless Thee for the knowledge of Thy salvation, and for the light of Thy truth; for protection from every danger during the night, and provision for all our wants by day. Thou hast spread our table with food, and Thou givest us every needful good. * *

Accept these our prayers and our praises, which we offer up in and through Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. AMEN.

Wednesday Morning.

Almighty and most merciful Father! we acknowledge ourselves to be sinners before Thee. We have erred and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Thy holy laws. We

have left undone those things, which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. Have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare Thou those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore Thou those that are penitent, according to Thy promise declared unto mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

May we hereafter lead a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Thy holy name. Help us, especially, thus to live through the day upon which we have entered. Bless us in all our ways; and whatever we do, may we do it heartily as unto Thee, with an eye single to Thy glory, and in humble dependence on Thy fatherly protection. Enlighten our understanding; control our wills, and sanctify our affections. Preserve us so in our ways, that neither the pleasures, nor the cares, nor the honors of this life, may turn away our thoughts from the life which is to come. May we learn and labor daily to live above the world, and to follow all our occupations in it with a heavenly mind.

Enable us faithfully to discharge our several duties to Thee and to our fellow-creatures, that we may be useful in our generation, among

men, and steadfast in our covenant with Thee. Having had much forgiven of Thee, may we love Thee much, and strive to please Thee in all our ways. And grant that nothing may ever separate between us and Thee, by causing us to grow weary of Thy service. But may we keep Thy covenant forever, and think upon Thy commandments to do them, finding Thy yoke easy and Thy burden light; yea, accounting Thy service perfect freedom, and the very joy of our heart.

We beseech Thee, to embrace with the arms of Thy mercy, not only ourselves, but all who partake of our fallen nature. Pity and convert the wicked. May they no longer make a mock at sin, but learn to tremble at that wrath, which Thou hast revealed against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, fearing Thee who art able to destroy both body and soul in hell. Give them grace to stand in awe of Thy judgment, and to sin no more. Bless Thy faithful people with knowledge and good understanding in the ways of godliness; and let not the children of this world be wiser in their generation than the children of light. * *

Mercifully accept, O Lord, of these our supplications and prayers; and dispose the way of

Thy servants toward the attainment of everlasting salvation, that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, we may ever be defended by Thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Wednesday Evening.

O Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever the earth and the worlds were made, even from everlasting to everlasting Thou art God. Upon Thy mercy-seat in the heavens, Thou waitest to be gracious; and we, Thy sinful creatures, draw nigh unto Thee, as unto God in Christ, reconciling the world unto Thyself, not imputing their trespasses unto them.

Be Thou merciful unto us, and grant us, according to the riches of Thy glory, to be strengthened with might, by Thy Spirit, in the inner man. Let Christ dwell in our hearts by faith, that, being rooted and grounded in love, we may be able to comprehend, with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ.

which passeth knowledge, that we may be filled with all the fulness of Thee, our God.

Thou hast brought and defended us, through the dangers of another day; and hast blessed us with every needful blessing, in our going out and coming in. But we beseech Thee, O God of the spirits of all flesh, in whom alone we live, and move, and have our being, to touch our hearts with the solemn and affecting truth, that we know not what shall be on the morrow. Keep us constantly mindful, that, in the midst of life, we are in death. Of whom may we seek for succor but of Thee, O Lord, who, for our sins, art justly displeased? Yet, O Lord God most holy, O Lord, most mighty, O holy and merciful Saviour, Thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from Thee.

Give ear, O Lord, to our prayers for our fellow-creatures. Put the ungodly in fear, that they may know themselves to be but men. Incline them seriously to think on their ways, and turn their feet unto Thy testimonies. Let all those who trust in Thee rejoice, because their redemption draweth nigh; and their salvation is nearer than when they first believed. Be gracious unto such as, in this transitory

world, are suffering, either for their sins or for righteousness' sake; and sanctify their sufferings to the good of their souls.

Look with compassion on all whom the sorrows of death are encompassing about. We commend their souls into Thy hands, as into the hands of a faithful Creator and most merciful Saviour; humbly beseeching Thee, that they may be precious in Thy sight. Wash them in the blood of that spotless Lamb, that was slain to take away the sins of the world, that they may be presented pure, and without spot before Thee.

Teach us, who survive, ever to remember how frail and uncertain our own condition is; and so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. May neither the splendor of anything that is great, nor the conceit of anything that is good in us, withdraw our eyes from looking upon ourselves as sinful dust and ashes; but may we press forward to the prize of the high calling that is before us, in faith and patience, humility and meekness, mortification and self-denial, charity and constant perseverance unto the end. * *

All this we ask, for Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, to whom, with Thee and the

Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory world without end. AMEN.

Thursday Morning.

Behold us, O good and gracious God, at the footstool of Thy grace, this morning. We come to present our humble and sincere adorations to the Author of our life, and the lengthener out of our days; for it is to Thee, that we are indebted for our preservation during the past night; and Thou alone hast caused us to see the beginning of this day. Let Thy gracious presence be with us during the course of it, and all the succeeding days and nights of our earthly pilgrimage.

We acknowledge ourselves to be unworthy of Thy favor and love; but, that Thou mayest hear us, notwithstanding our sinfulness and unworthiness, look upon us, O God, in the face of Thine Anointed; and cause us to be partakers of all the blessed fruits of His death and resurrection. We look to the unsearchable riches of Christ, that we may see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God; who not only created all things by Christ, but was in

Him reconciling the world unto Himself; and hath now exalted Him to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance unto His people, as well as the remission of all their sins. Oh that our bodies may henceforth be the temples of God, through the Holy Spirit, dwelling in us, and uniting us to Jesus Christ by a true and living faith.

We would count all things but loss, that we may win Christ, and be found in Him, not having our own righteousness, which is of the law, but that which is through the faith of Christ, the righteousness which is of God by faith; and that we may know Him and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His sufferings, and be made conformable unto His death; not as though we had already attained, either were already perfect; but this one thing we desire to do: "Forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those which are before, we would press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God, in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Thou knowest, O God, the weakness and corruption of our nature, and the many dangers and temptations to which we are continually exposed. Grant us Thy strength, and Thy

grace, to preserve and keep us at all times. Let neither the world nor the flesh, this day seduce us from the paths of duty; but ever thinking and acting as under Thine immediate inspection, may we keep in the love and fear of all Thy holy commandments. Teach us in every circumstance to know Thy will, and give us inclination and ability to do it. Continue of Thy bounty to provide for all our necessities; and support and comfort us under every disappointment and trial, which Thou mayest see proper to bring upon us. May we live in Thy fear and die in Thy favor, and so be made both happy and glorious through eternity. * *

For Thy distinguishing, although unmerited goodness and mercy toward us, and all who are near and dear to us, we once more offer up our united thanksgivings; saying, at the same time, Let every creature that is in heaven, and on earth, give glory to God for ever and ever. And now, Lord, what wait we for? Our hope is in Thee. Let the words of our mouth, and the meditations of our hearts, be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord, our strength and our Redeemer. AMEN.

Thursday Evening.

O Lord our God, with humble gratitude we would appear in Thy presence this evening, to bless Thy name for our preservation hitherto; and more especially, for the renewed tokens of Thy kindness and love during the past day. May our humble and sincere thanks to God for His mercies ascend now as incense, and the lifting of our hands be as acceptable as the evening sacrifices of old.

When we recollect the mercies of the past day, and Thy goodness towards us ever since we had a being, our souls should be overwhelmed with wonder, love, and gratitude. But ah! how cold and insensible are they, and what poor returns of love do we make! O Lord, forgive the past, and make us more grateful to Thee in future.

It is a faithful saying, worthy of all acceptation, and also of our highest and daily praise, that "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them;" and hath committed to His servants, in every age, the word of reconciliation. Forbid it, then, O heavenly Father, that any of us here present, should be amongst that un-

happy number, to whom Thy Son shall at last say: "Ye would not come unto Me, that ye might have life." But deeply sensible of our present sinful and miserable state, convinced that there is no other name under heaven by which we can be saved, and divinely persuaded of the willingness, as well as all-sufficiency of the Son of God, for this purpose, may we each believe to the saving of the soul. Through Him alone we look for pardon, for justification, for adoption into the family of heaven, and for a renovation of all the powers and faculties of our mind and soul, to enlighten and fit us for a holy practice.

We know, from past experience, that we are not sufficient of ourselves, either to will or to do; but Thy grace is sufficient for us, and Thy strength can be perfected in our weakness. May the law of the Spirit of life which is in Christ, make us free from the law of sin and death. Then shall we enjoy comfort through life, peace at death, and glory in heaven. * * .

This night we again commend ourselves, and all who are near and dear to us, unto Thy fatherly care and special protection. Preserve us from every danger, and let us never be separated from Thy love in Christ Jesus. In a particular

manner, give Thine angels charge with respect to this family, that the heads thereof, the children, and all belonging to it, may be preserved from the malice and power of the prince of darkness. Should our souls be required at our hands this night, may we be ready to resign them into the arms of a covenant God in Christ; but should our life be spared, may we more cheerfully and entirely dedicate it to Him, unto whom it best belongs, and who alone can make us happy here and hereafter. Now unto the King eternal, immortal, and invisible, the only wise God, be honor, and glory; for of Him, and through Him, and to Him, are all things. AMEN.

Friday Morning.

Almighty God, whose ears are always open to the petitions of Thy humble servants, unto Thee would we lift up our souls. We would seek Thee whilst Thou may be found, and call upon Thee whilst Thou art near. Dispose us ever to direct our prayer to Thee and to look up; and daily at Thy footstool to wait for Thy blessing, more than they who watch for the morning. Let every day begin with Thee.

Thou hast protected us during the hours of darkness; for the darkness to us is no darkness to Thee; but the night shineth as the day; the darkness and the light to Thee are both alike. We have slept and awoke, and are still with Thee. We would humble ourselves in Thy presence, in view of the sins, which Thy all-seeing eyes have beheld in the course of our lives. And we earnestly entreat Thee to blot out the handwriting that is against us; and take it out of the way, nailing it to the Cross of Thy beloved Son. Grant unto us redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of Thy grace. May we be washed; may we be sanctified; may we be justified, in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by Thy Spirit, O Lord God.

Let a sense of Thy presence abide with us this day. May we set Thee always before us, remembering that Thou, O God, seest us. And since unto Thee all hearts are open, all desires known, and from Thee no secrets are hid, cleanse, we beseech Thee, the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name. And while we acknowledge Thee in all our ways, do Thou in

mercy direct our paths. As Thou didst vouchsafe to lead Thy people Israel in safety through the wilderness, going before them by day in a pillar of cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night; so be Thou mercifully pleased to lead and protect us in the way in which we should go. Stand continually at our right hand, that we may not be moved. Strengthen us with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter; and daily increase in us Thy manifold gifts of grace; the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and strength, the spirit of knowledge and true piety; and fill us with Thy holy fear, now and evermore.

We beseech Thee also, O Lord, to give unto our fellow-creatures, a due reverence of Thy holy presence. May the ungodly remember, that Thou knowest their manifold transgressions; and that there is no darkness or shadow of death, where the workers of iniquity may hide their heads. May those, who have hitherto been deceiving themselves or others, with vain professions of religion, be brought to see that they cannot deceive Thee; and so may be led to seek Thee in truth and sincerity. O Lord, we beseech Thee, let Thy continual pity cleanse and defend Thy Church; and because

it cannot continue in safety without Thy succor, preserve it evermore by Thy help and goodness. Let Thy presence comfort and support Thy afflicted people; and be a refuge to them in all their troubles. * *

Furthermore, we pray Thee to dwell in the hearts of all who are near and dear to us; and to make them a holy temple in the Lord, the habitation of Thy blessed Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Saviour and Redeemer.

Our Father, &c.

Friday Evening.

Almighty and most merciful God! Thou art the helper of all who flee to Thee for succor, the life of them who believe and the resurrection of the dead. Do Thou graciously receive us, seeing Thou hast commanded us by Thy well-beloved Son, to ask, and promised us, that we shall receive; to seek and we shall find; and to knock, and it shall be opened unto us. We draw nigh unto Thee in His great name, trusting to Thy word, that whosoever believeth in Thy beloved Son shall be saved. And we beseech Thee to grant, that we may come unto Him this night, weary and heavy laden with

the burden of our sins, and may thus find rest to our souls.

As the heavens are higher than the earth, so great let Thy mercy be toward us. Far as the east is from the west, so far do Thou remove our transgressions from us. Yea, like as an earthly father pitieth his children, so do Thou, our heavenly Father, pity and have mercy upon us. Adopt us into Thy family; take away our guilt; accept our persons; and reconcile us unto Thyself, through the blood of Thy beloved Son.

We give Thee most humble and hearty thanks, for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men. We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but, above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world, by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and the hope of glory. And we beseech Thee, give us a due sense of all Thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may show forth Thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to Thy service, and by walking before Thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hear our prayers in behalf of those, whom it

is our duty and our desire to remember at the throne of Thy grace. May it please Thee, to bring into the way of truth, all such as have erred and are deceived. Do Thou defend and bless all who are in authority, and rule their hearts in Thy faith, fear, and love, that they may ever seek Thy honor and glory. Guide and protect our magistrates, that they may be a terror to evil doers, and for the praise of them that do well. Illuminate all the ministers of Thy blessed Gospel with true knowledge and understanding of Thy word; that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth and show it accordingly.

May it please Thee, to bless all who believe in Christ Jesus, and to give them grace to continue faithful unto death. Look with favor upon the rising generation, especially upon the generation of those who seek Thee, and all our kindred, friends, and neighbors. [Grant that the children of this family, as they grow in stature, may grow in wisdom and in grace, and in favor with Thee and man; and thus may become Thy sons and daughters.] And we ask that Thou wouldst also stand at the right hand of the poor and destitute, and be unto them a tower of strength against all their enemies. * *

Grant, O Lord, these our petitions, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour, who liveth and reigneth with Thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, world without end.

Our Father, &c.

Saturday Morning.

O Thou, who art the Creator and Preserver of all things! behold us again, this morning, at the footstool of Thy throne of mercy. Permitted by Thy grace, and encouraged by Thy word, we draw near to adore Thy perfections, and to give Thee thanks for the many favors conferred upon us. We come also to confess our sinfulness and unworthiness, and to plead for Thy pardoning mercy and recovering grace.

Who is like unto Thee, O Thou great, eternal, invisible, and incomprehensible object of our spiritual worship? Before all things Thou didst exist; from everlasting to everlasting, Thou art the only living and true God, infinite in wisdom, power, goodness, and mercy. Of Thy good-will and pleasure Thou didst at first bring us into existence. The exalted rank we are permitted to hold in the scale of being, demands our constant and most grateful acknow-

ledgments. We are wiser than the fowls of heaven, and have more understanding than the beasts that perish. We bless Thee, that we are endued with rational and immortal souls, capable of knowing, worshiping, and enjoying Thee.

We would express our thankfulness this morning for all that care, protection, and kindness, which we have experienced from our birth to the present hour; for sparing us in childhood, guiding us in youth, and preserving us amidst the numberless diseases and dangers of riper years. We thank Thee for our daily food, for our warm and decent clothing, for all the necessaries of life, and those many conveniences and comforts, which we enjoy beyond thousands of our fellow-creatures around us. But above all, we would ever adore and praise our God for His inestimable love and grace in Jesus Christ. We had destroyed ourselves, but in Thee help was found. When there was no eye to pity, nor hand to help, Thou didst send Thy Son to be the Saviour of the world.

What are we, and what is our father's house, that Thou hast dealt so mercifully with us? When we think of what we have received, and compare it with what we deserve, we are lost

in wonder and astonishment at Thy great loving-kindness. May a sense of Thy goodness to us lead us to gratitude and humility, to repentance, and to a mindfulness of our latter end; for we know not what is between us and the grave.

Accept our sincere thanks for that freedom from pain, both of body and mind, which we have enjoyed during the past night. Many have spent the night in anguish and distress. Take pity on such, and in Thy good time relieve them; and elevate all our hearts toward that time and place, when God shall wipe away all tears from our eyes, and there shall be no more death; neither sorrow nor crying; neither shall there be any more pain; the former things being forever passed away. Until this period come; until death, which leadeth unto it, may we all be kept in a waiting posture. May we watch as well as pray, that we be actually, as well as habitually, prepared for death; for blessed are those servants, whom the Lord, when He cometh, shall find watching. * *

Now, unto Him, who supplieth all our need, according to His riches in glory, by Jesus Christ; to the Three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy

Ghost, be honor and glory, thanksgiving and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

Saturday Evening.

O Lord, Thou art the God of all the families of the earth; but especially of those, in which Thy name is known, and loved, and honored. Whatever may be the disposition of others, we desire to say, As for us, and our house, we will serve the Lord. Thou art the best of all masters; for Thou hast promised to bear with our infirmities, and to suffer us to want no good thing. Already hast Thou laid us under infinite obligations to Thee, as the God of providence and the God of grace. Thou hast dealt well with Thy servants, O Lord. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and all that is within us, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O our souls, and forget not all His benefits.

By Thy good hand upon us, have we been conducted through the perils of another day, and also of another week. Whilst many, during this period, have been exposed to hunger and cold, we have been fed and clothed by Thy bounty. Multitudes have also been suddenly called from time to eternity; but God is still

holding our souls in life. Night after night have we laid ourselves down to sleep, and we have awakened in the morning refreshed, for the Lord sustained us. For all this we would be thankful to Thee, O Lord, who makest us to dwell in safety. But we would especially thank Thee, for the continuance of our spiritual privileges and comforts. Blessed be God, that our land is still the land of Gospel light and liberty; and that we can worship Thee, both in private and in public, without any one daring to disturb us, or make us afraid.

May the daily reading of Thy word increase our spiritual knowledge, confirm our faith, and animate our hopes. Let our morning and evening sacrifices keep us in a holy and watchful frame through the day, and dispose us to resign ourselves to Thy gracious keeping through the night. May the return of every Sabbath be looked forward to with increasing delight! Make us thankful for the approach of the one which is now near at hand. Shouldst Thou be pleased in Thy goodness, and by Thine all-protecting providence, to spare us to see the light of another morning, may we all be in the Spirit upon the Lord's day, and worship God, who is a Spirit, in spirit and in truth. Bless Thy min-

istering servants in their studies and preparation for the duties of the Sabbath. May they be as scribes, who are well instructed unto the kingdom of heaven, and bring forth out of the treasures of Thy word, things new and old. May they convince and convert sinners, and build up and comfort the saints.

We once more commit to Thy care and keeping, our absent relatives and friends. Be merciful to the sick and the afflicted everywhere. Have compassion upon a world lying in wickedness. Send abroad Thy light and Thy truth unto the earth's remotest bound. Hasten the time, when the Jews, with the fulness of the Gentiles, shall be brought into Thy kingdom; and when Jesus shall reign in the hearts of the children of men, King of nations, as He now reigns King of saints. * *

This night we again commit ourselves and all our concerns to Thy paternal care and keeping, in the hope of being raised up in the morning, to see and enjoy another day of the Son of man. For His sake, we ask every blessing. And to Him, with Thee, Ѳ Father, and the Holy Spirit, be all glory, and praise, and humble worship, forever. AMEN.

OCCASIONAL PRAYERS.

COMMUNION SUNDAY.

Morning.

O Holy and most gracious Lord our God! Thou wilt by no means clear the guilty, yet Thou sparest those who confess their sins unto Thee. Look with compassion upon us, Thy unworthy servants, who are now humbled before Thee, imploring Thy fatherly forgiveness. We acknowledge ourselves to be miserable sinners. We cannot set all our transgressions in order before Thee, nor confess them as truly as we ought to do. Yet we desire not to cloak and dissemble them before Thy face, trusting to Thy word, that if we confess our sins, Thou art faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Be merciful to us, we most humbly beseech Thee, in Jesus Christ Thy Son; for we put our whole trust and confidence in Thy mercy

through Him; and not in anything that we do. We have destroyed ourselves; but in Thee is our help. Save, Lord, or we perish; for there is salvation in no other. To whom else should we go? Thou only hast the words of eternal life. Grant unto us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins.

We praise Thee for the manifold blessings, with which Thou hast favored us, and especially for the many opportunities we have enjoyed, of becoming wise unto salvation. What shall we render to Thee this day, for all the benefits Thou hast conferred upon us? We will take of the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord. We will pay our vows in the courts of Thy house, and in the presence of all Thy people.

We give Thee humble and most hearty thanks, that Thou hast given us Thy Son, not only to die for us; but also to be our spiritual food and sustenance in the sacrament of His body and blood. Dispose our hearts this day to receive this sacrament religiously and devoutly, in remembrance of His meritorious cross and passion; whereby alone we obtain the remission of our sins, and are made parta-

kers of the kingdom of heaven. Teach us to consider properly the dignity of the holy mystery therein set forth, and so to search and examine our own consciences, that we may come holy and clean to such a heavenly feast, in the wedding garment required by Thee in Thy holy Word, and may be received as worthy partakers at Thy holy table. May we spiritually eat the flesh and drink the blood of Christ. May we dwell in Him, and He in us. May His body, which was broken for us, and His precious blood, which was shed upon the cross, nourish and preserve our bodies and souls unto everlasting life.

Mercifully extend unto all our fellow-creatures the inestimable benefits of Christ's suffering and death. Give grace unto all Thy ministering servants, that they may both by their life and doctrine, set forth Thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer Thy holy sacraments. May Thy heavenly grace be graciously imparted unto all Thy people, especially unto such as shall this day assemble with us in Thy holy temple, and shall come to the holy communion of the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ. Help them, before they eat of that bread and drink of that cup, dili-

gently to examine themselves, whether they truly repent of all their past sins, sincerely purpose to lead a new life, have a lively faith in Thy mercies through Christ, with a thankful remembrance of His death, and are in charity with all men. Look compassionately upon those, who are filled with groundless fears, lest they should eat and drink unworthily. May they hear and receive the comfortable words, which Christ, our Saviour, speaks unto all who truly turn unto Him. Help them to come unto Him, laboring and heavy laden on account of their sins, and so find rest unto their souls.

Finally, we beseech Thee, to have mercy upon such as shall unthankfully refuse to come to Thy table, though so earnestly and graciously called and bidden. May they take heed, lest, by withdrawing themselves from this holy supper of their Lord, they provoke His just indignation against them. Help them earnestly to consider how little their excuses will avail before Thee, and may they, by Thy grace, be brought to a better mind, seriously remembering, that, if they eat not the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink not His blood, they have no life in them, and neither part nor lot in His salvation.

Grant us, O Lord, these mercies, for the sake of Jesus Christ our only Lord and Saviour, in whose words we would further address Thee, as Our Father, &c.

COMMUNION SUNDAY.

Evening.

Almighty God and everlasting Father! Thou hast assured us, that, according to the multitude of Thy mercies, Thou didst so put away the sins of those who truly repent, as not to remember them any more against them. We pray Thee, therefore, to look in mercy upon us, who earnestly desire Thy pardon and forgiveness. Renew in us, whatsoever has been decayed through the workings of the evil one, and our own frailty and carnality. And forasmuch as we place our full trust and confidence in Thee, impute not to us our manifold transgressions, but wash them away in the blood of Thy beloved Son. Receive us graciously into Thy favor. Sanctify and strengthen us by Thy Holy Spirit, and bring us at last into the kingdom of heaven, and to everlasting life.

We bless Thee for another day of sacred rest, and for all the blessings we have therein

enjoyed. Above all, we give Thee humble and most hearty thanks for the redemption of the world by the death of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. May we always carry about with us a grateful remembrance of His exceeding great love to-us-ward, in dying for us, and of the innumerable benefits He hath obtained for us by His death, and also of His goodness and loving-kindness in instituting and ordaining holy ordinances as pledges of His love, to our great and endless comfort. Grant that we, who have this day eaten and drunken in Thy presence, may receive the strengthening and refreshing of our souls by the body and blood of Christ. Help us to remember the solemn vows which we have this day renewed in Thy presence, and in the presence of all Thy people, and enable us faithfully to perform them. May we go forth into the world, bearing about us the marks of a crucified Saviour. Having enlisted ourselves again under the banners of the Captain of our salvation, may we manfully fight the good fight of faith, and continue His faithful soldiers and servants unto the end of our lives. Grant that we may have power and strength to triumph over the devil, the world, and the flesh. May we be encouraged in our holy war-

fare by the examples of the glorious company of the apostles, the goodly fellowship of the prophets, the noble army of martyrs, and all the holy Church triumphant, who have been made more than conquerors through Him, who loved them, and bought them with His blood.

As Thou hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed saints, in all virtuous and holy living, that we may enter into those unspeakable joys, which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee. And when He shall come to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all them that believe, may we sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and all Thy redeemed people, at the marriage supper of the Lamb. Grant, also, that all those who have waited on Thee this day in Thy holy temple, and around Thy table, may renew their spiritual strength. May all men see, that they are Thy disciples, by the love which they have one to another. Thou hast taught us, that all our doings without charity are of no value. Do Thou, therefore, send Thy Holy Spirit to pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond

of peace and of all virtues, without which whosoever liveth is counted dead before Thee. Let there be no schism in the body of Christ; but let the members have a proper care of one another, knowing, that if any sin against their brother, and wound his weak conscience, they sin against Christ.

And since the offence of the cross is not ceased, comfort and succor all those, who may in any way suffer from love to Thee and Thy cause. Hide them under Thy wing. Enable them to witness a good confession, and to give no just occasion to their enemies to blaspheme. By well-doing, may they put to silence the ignorance of foolish men, in meekness instructing those that oppose themselves, if peradventure Thou mayest give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth. Convert the hearts of all those, who are thrusting away from them Thy great mercies; especially of such as have this day neglected Thy ordinances, and turned aside from Thy table. And, if any have appeared before Thee with unclean hands and unsanctified hearts, without the wedding garment required by Thee, in Thy holy word, not discerning the Lord's body, may they search and examine their conscience and repent, lest,

after partaking of this holy sacrament, they fall under the power of Satan, who shall fill them full of all iniquity and bring them to destruction both of body and soul.

We ask these blessings in the name of Jesus Christ our only Lord and Saviour. AMEN.

BAPTISM OF A CHILD.

Morning.

O Thou, who art the God of all the families of the earth, and especially of those who fear Thee and honor Thy name! we come before Thee this morning in the attitude of suppliants and desire humbly to worship before Thy footstool. Help us to approach Thee with our whole hearts, and to present an offering which shall be acceptable to Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We thank Thee, that Thou hast created us social beings, and especially that Thou hast brought us, who are now before Thee, together in the capacity of a family, and art permitting us to enjoy all the blessings, and comforts, and privileges, which belong to this interesting and important relation. May we all receive grace and strength faithfully to perform

the duties which we owe to each other, as well as those which devolve upon us in the several positions we occupy in life. We bless Thee for all the mercies Thou hast bestowed upon us as a family. Especially would we praise Thee for the addition which Thou hast lately made to it; and we pray that the child Thou hast given to Thy servants, may be spared as a blessing unto us, and may be acknowledged as one of Thy children.

Encouraged by Thy promise and covenant, we would this day humbly give it up to Thee. Be Thou graciously pleased to assist us in the observance of Thy holy ordinance of baptism, in which we purpose to engage. Deliver us from formality and hypocrisy in this solemn service. Help us rightly to understand and duly to attend to its proper significance. May we ourselves be entirely Thine and be enabled, in sincerity and in faith, to give up our little one unto Thee, earnestly desiring that it may be a partaker of the peculiar blessings of Thy gracious covenant, and firmly resolving, in the strength of Thy grace, to train it up for Thee. May Thy presence be with us, and Thy blessing upon us, in this solemn service, so that it may be made of great and lasting benefit to us

and ours. Pour out Thy Spirit upon our seed, and Thy blessing upon our offspring, and grant that we, and those Thou hast given us, may be indeed members of Thy spiritual family, and at last admitted to dwell together in Thine house eternal in the heavens.

Give us wisdom and grace to bring up our children in Thy fear, in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, with meekness and tenderness, and having them in subjection with gravity. Teach us, that we may teach them the things of God, as they are able to bear them. Dispose us to reprove and admonish, and when there is need, to correct them in a proper manner. Help us to set them good examples of everything that is virtuous and praiseworthy. Enable us to train them up in the way they should go, that if they live to be old, they may never depart from it. Keep them from the evil to which they shall be exposed in the world. We earnestly pray that Christ may be formed in their hearts the hope of glory, and that we may have the satisfaction of seeing our children walking in the truth, and setting their faces heavenwards.

If it should please Thee to remove any of them from us in their youth, give us grace sub-

missively to resign them to Thee, and let us have hope in their death. If Thou shouldst take us from them while they are young, be a father to them, to teach and provide for them, O Thou, in whom the fatherless find mercy. Thou knowest our care concerning them. Enable us to cast it upon Thee, believing that Thou carest for them.

We pray for all the families of the earth. Confer upon them and their several members, the blessings they respectively need. May they all learn to trust in Thee, the living and true God, and to seek from Thee the supply of all their wants, both temporal and spiritual.

Accept our grateful acknowledgments for the mercies of the past night. May Thy gracious presence attend us through all the duties and privileges of this day; and grant us grace and strength so to conduct ourselves in all things, that at last we shall be enabled to render our account unto Thee with joy and not with grief. These blessings we ask, and whatsoever else is needful for us, in the name and for the sake of Him, who hast taught us, when addressing Thee, to say, Our Father, &c.

BAPTISM OF A CHILD

Evening.

We appear before Thee, O Lord, this evening, once more as worshipers, and would lift our eyes and our hearts to the place where Thine honor dwelleth. We rejoice in the privilege of access to Thee, and in the encouragement afforded us to avail ourselves of it. Regard us in mercy, and bestow upon us the blessings our condition and wants require.

We thank Thee for the goodness and mercy, with which Thou hast followed us throughout our lives; but especially for the blessings and privileges of the past day. Thou hast therein favored us with the comforts and conveniences of this present life, and also with everything essential to our true interests in the life to come. Thou knowest to what extent we have improved, in the midst of them all, to the honor and glory of Thy great and excellent name. Forgive everything Thou hast seen amiss, and own and bless whatsoever has been in accordance with Thy will.

Especially, accept of the solemn act of devotion in which we have this day been engaged, in dedicating our little one to Thee, in the

holy ordinance of baptism. Hear the prayers which have been presented in behalf of this child, and all the members of our family. Help us to remember that the vows of God are upon us, and enable us conscientiously to fulfill them. Incline our hearts to attend to the instructions and exhortations, which have been addressed to us, respecting our duty as Christians, as heads of a family, and as parents. Let us not be wanting in the use of any proper means for the temporal and eternal benefit of our offspring. May we diligently provide for those of our own house, and above all things, may we be attentive to their immortal interests. Give us that wisdom and resolution we so much need in the education of infant minds, and in the right government of the family committed to our care. Whatever others do, may we and ours resolve to serve the Lord. May we command our children and household after us, to keep Thy ways. May Thy grace assist, and Thy blessing succeed us, in all our attempts for Thy glory, and the eternal welfare of the precious souls committed to our trust. May we be the honored instruments of training up a godly seed, and of bringing many sons and daughters to glory.

Bless the child which has this day been incorporated into the Church of the living God, by the ordinance of baptism. Grant, that as its name has thus been registered on the Church-book on earth, so may it also be entered upon the Lamb's book of eternal life. Ratify in heaven, what has been done in Thy name on earth. May this child ever live before Thee! If Thou shouldst remove it in infancy, may we cheerfully resign it to Thee, from whom we have received it, remembering that the Lord who gave it, has a right to take it away. If its life be spared, may it be a comfort to us, and a blessing to the world and the Church. Preserve it from the snares of a wicked world into which it has been born. Early sanctify it by Thy grace, and train it up for Thine heavenly kingdom.

Bless the rising generation in general, and the children of this family in particular. Grant that they may be a seed to serve Thee. And at the last great day, may we meet them with comfort at the right hand of Christ, saying, Lord, here are we, and the children whom Thou hast given us.

Our prayers are before Thee, O Lord! Grant us the desires of our hearts, so far as they ac-

cord with Thy will. Forgive whatsoever is amiss. And at last, when Thou hast done with us on earth, receive us all to the enjoyment of Thyself in glory, through riches of grace in Christ Jesus our Redeemer. AMEN.

PUBLIC THANKSGIVING.

Morning.

Unto Thee, O Thou Great Parent of good, the blessed fountain of light, joy, and comfort, we desire to ascribe all glory. Thou art essentially love. The earth is full of Thy goodness, and Thy tender mercies are over all Thy works. Thou feedest the young ravens when they cry, and givest the beasts of the field their meat.

But special cause have we, to praise Thee for Thy goodness to man, whom Thou hast made but a little lower than the angels; crowned with glory and honor, and formed with capacities to know, serve, and enjoy Thee, the Supreme good. We thank Thee that our lines have fallen to us in such pleasant places, and that we have so goodly a heritage; that Thou hast fed and clothed and provided for us, not the necessaries only, but also many of the

comforts and conveniences of life; and that Thou hast been our deliverer in danger, and helper in trouble, and our guide in darkness. We would adore that goodness, which has been our protection the past night, in the defenceless hours of sleep and darkness, and causes the day-spring to know its place.

But, especially, blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we are blessed with spiritual blessings, in heavenly things in Christ. Glory to God in the highest, that there is on earth, peace, and good-will to the children of men. We thank Thy mercy, that the joyful sound has reached our ears; that we enjoy an accepted time; that we have been favored with so many instructions and motives to lead us to the knowledge, and to quicken us to the practice, of our duty; and that, notwithstanding all our unfruitfulness, our candle-stick is not yet removed out of its place. Oh that Thy goodness might lead us to repentance, and that Thou wouldst enlarge our hearts to praise Thy sovereign love for all Thy rich mercies. Not unto us, O Lord, but unto Thy name, be all the praise.

Prepare our hearts to unite with Thy people this day, in grateful offerings for private and

public mercies. We thank Thee, that we have our favored lot in the land where Thy churches are planted; where civil and religious liberty abounds; and where we are favored with the means of useful knowledge, and the blessings of civil government. We offer Thee our grateful acknowledgments in particular, for the mercy which has crowned the present year; that we are permitted to enjoy such measures of health, peace, and plenty; and that Thou hast caused the earth to yield its increase, and the trees their fruit, and hast so liberally supplied the wants of Thy numerous offspring. Oh help us to praise Thee aright for Thy goodness, and for Thy wonderful works to the children of men; and may Thy mercy and loving-kindness be evermore continued.

Preside Thou in all the great Councils of our nation. Bless the President of these United States, and all in places of subordinate trust. Let not the wicked bear rule, nor the vile be exalted. Let no root of bitterness spring up to trouble us. Lay Thy restraints on the strong corruptions of the heart, and dispose Thy people to a due subjection to lawful authority, not for wrath, but for conscience' sake. Bless this State, and the government more immediately

over us. Bless all means for the advancement of knowledge, and the useful arts. And may Thy blessing, which maketh rich, rest upon our basket, our store, and on all the labors of our hands.

But above all, we pray that Thou wouldst rain down righteousness upon us. Cause pure and undefiled religion to revive; and may Zion rise from the dust, and put on her beautiful garments. Be with the ministers of Thine everlasting Gospel; and may their hands be made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob. Extend the kingdom of the Redeemer to the remotest ends of the earth; and under the influence of that religion which is love, may war everywhere cease among men, and all the members of this Thy great family, unite in brotherly love.

Establish Thy precious covenant with us of this family, and to all Thy gifts, wilt Thou add a grateful heart. Prepare us and all Thy people for the public solemnities of this day; and may we so offer praise that we may glorify God. We commit ourselves, O God, and all for whom we ought to pray, to Thy infinite mercy in Christ Jesus, to whom with the Father, and the Spirit of truth, be all praise through everlasting ages. AMEN.

PUBLIC THANKSGIVING.

Evening.

O Lord God of hosts! Thou art a God merciful and gracious; slow to anger, of great kindness, and forgiving iniquity. Under this endearing character, we sinners, desire to approach Thy mercy-seat, imploring Thy grace, and blessing Thy great and glorious name, for all that goodness, which Thou hast caused to pass before us. Accept our repeated thanks for all our public, domestic, and personal blessings and privileges; for that goodness, which has attended us thus far in the journey of life, and of which we have had fresh experience in the abundant supplies and blessings of the present year. Our fathers have told us of Thy works of old, and our eyes have seen Thy salvation. Thy mercy, O Lord, endures forever.

We would render Thee special thanks, O Father of mercies, for the unspeakable gift of Thy Son to a guilty world, and for that Gospel which brings life and immortality to light. Impress us, we pray Thee, with some suitable sense of Thy great, numberless, and undeserved favors. Permit us not to abuse all these precious privileges, and pervert them to our aggra-

vated destruction; nor to dishonor our almighty Friend and Benefactor. May such a sense of Thy rich grace impress our hearts as shall quicken us to duty, and restrain us from every thing offensive to Thee. In view of Thy great goodness to us, most unworthy sinners, may we be disposed to be merciful, as our Father who is in heaven, is merciful. May we love to do good; be ready to distribute, willing to communicate, and disposed to forgive our enemies. We humbly implore the continuance of Thy mercy and kindness. Mercifully remove from us our sins, and let them not awaken Thy just wrath. Foolishness is bound up in our hearts, and we are bent to backslide; but with Thee there is forgiveness. Forgive not only our sins, but also the sins of our land; and let wisdom and knowledge, be the stability of our times, and the fear of the Lord our treasure.

Continue to be the Guardian and Benefactor of our land. Not in the wisdom of man, or an arm of flesh, but in the Lord of hosts, would we put our trust. Continue our peace, and increase our prosperity. Scatter every dark cloud which hangs over us. Bless all in places of public trust. Make them faithful, and may they receive from the fountain of light, all

needful direction. May agriculture, commerce, and useful arts flourish among us; and all institutions for promoting knowledge, enjoy Thy gracious smiles. Be with those that go down to the sea in ships. May they behold the works of the Lord there, and His wonders in the deep, and be brought to their desired haven.

Bless the State, to whose government we are more particularly subject. May all in the executive, legislative, and judicial departments, see and pursue our true interests, and be made ministers of God for good. And we pray, that a spirit of order, frugality, temperance, and submission to lawful authority, may prevail among us. May the richer blessings of Thy grace be ours. Teach transgressors Thy ways, and let the children of Zion be glad in their King. Dispose Thy people to inquire after Thee, and hear those who pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Give Thy Son the heathen for His inheritance, and the uttermost part of the earth for His possession; and may the time speedily come, when they shall no longer hurt or destroy, in all Thy holy mountain.

Dwell in this, and every other vicinity. Supply destitute flocks with pastors after Thine

own heart, and send forth faithful laborers into Thy vineyard. May the candle of the Lord ever shine around our dwellings, and let each of us see the salvation of God. Accept, most gracious God, our thanks for whatever of Thy goodness we have this day experienced; for the many bounties of Thy Providence, and the joyful occasion and opportunity we have had to unite with Thy people, in public ascriptions of praise. Bless these means to awaken our hearts to gratitude. Accept our poor attempts to serve Thee; and may we ever live to the glory of our Benefactor. We ask Thy care and protection this night. Give us the rest of Thy beloved. May goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives; and prepare us to join in the new song of Thy redeemed in heaven, ascribing to the Father, Son and Spirit, glory without end. AMEN.

DAY OF PUBLIC HUMILIATION.

Morning.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty! we adore Thee as the sovereign Lord and proprietor of the universe, by whom all things in heaven and on earth were created, and are constantly upheld and supported. We are Thy creatures, and acknowledge ourselves under infinite and increasing obligations to love, serve, and obey Thee. All we have is Thine, and all we can render to Thee is our most reasonable service. Thy law is holy, just, and good, and in all Thou requirest, Thou hast united our duty and happiness.

We acknowledge, O Lord, that we have most wickedly and ungratefully departed from Thee; and that God, in whose hand our breath is, and whose are all our ways, we have not glorified. We confess ourselves utterly vile, and altogether unclean in Thy sight. All the faculties of our souls have become polluted by sin. Our understandings are dark; and our wills rebellious, and our affections so depraved, that we have loved and served the creature more than the Creator. The carnal mind, which naturally reigns within us is enmity to

God; and this corrupt fountain has defiled all our actions. We have hated instruction, and despised reproof; have abused Thy goodness and disregarded Thy warnings, and by our unthankfulness, incorrigibleness, and disobedience, are we continually provoking Thee to come against us in Thy wrath. If Thou shouldst mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with Thee there is forgiveness, and we have Thy most gracious promise, that he, who confesses and forsaketh his sin, shall find mercy. We desire now to take hold of Thy merciful encouragement, acknowledging ourselves without excuse; and hating and renouncing our evil thoughts and ways, we would cast ourselves helpless and guilty upon the arms of Thy mercy, begging, that, for the sake of Thy Son, Thou wouldst blot out our transgressions, and not enter into judgment with us.

As this day has been set apart for humiliation and prayer, we ask Thee to pour upon us and all Thy people, a spirit of grace and supplication, of repentance and reformation. Give us an affecting sight of the hatefulness of sin. May we rend our hearts and not our garments, and break off our sins, by working righteousness, that we may keep this day in such a man-

ner as shall be pleasing to Thee. Prepare us for the blessings of true penitents, and enable all Thy people to bring forth fruits meet for repentance, by forsaking the ways of sin. May we especially be enabled to exercise ourselves properly, in regard to the particular events, which have more especially occasioned the setting apart of this day. Do Thou cause the wickedness of the wicked to come to an end.

May the Redeemer come to Zion, and turn away ungodliness from Jacob, and let the converts of righteousness be greatly multiplied. Withdraw not, we beseech Thee, the tokens of Thy favor from the land in which we dwell. Remove the judgments we feel. Preserve us from those we justly fear. May the mercies we enjoy be continued, and those we need be bestowed. Rule in the hearts of our rulers. Counsel our counsellors, and give our senators wisdom. Preserve us from internal disorder, and from foreign injury and invasion.

Bless us when we go out, and when we come in. May the voice of health and rejoicing be heard in all habitations. Open Thy bountiful hand, and supply the wants of Thy numerous offspring, whose eyes are waiting on Thee for the supplies they need. Cause the earth to

bring forth grass for the cattle, and herb for the service of man. Continue Thy blessed Gospel among us, and may every heart welcome the joyful sound. Fill the world with Thy glory and the rich favor of Thy grace.

Will God accept our thanks for all the public and private blessings bestowed on such unworthy creatures as we are. We thank Thee for the quiet and refreshing rest of the past night, and the light and comforts of this morning. May we this day be directed and preserved in all our ways. Fit us for the duties of Thy public worship. Prepare a word for our hearts, and our hearts to receive it. May we, and Thy people, present before God the sacrifice of a broken and contrite heart; and may it especially be the concern of us all to humble ourselves properly before Thee.

Without any merit or worthiness of our own, we offer Thee our requests, through the mediation of our exalted High Priest, to whom, with the Father, and the Holy Spirit, be equal honors and everlasting praises. AMEN.

DAY OF PUBLIC HUMILIATION.

Evening.

Thou, O Lord, art a great God, and a great King above all gods. The heavens, even the heavens are Thine, and all their hosts. The earth is Thine, and the fulness thereof; the world and they who dwell therein. Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, neither shall evil dwell with Thee. Thou art also good, and doest good, delighting in mercy. We are the witnesses and monuments of Thy goodness; for it is of Thy mercy, that we are not consumed. It is infinite mercy, which gives us leave to pray, and to hope for Thy forgiveness. Blessed be God for the blood which cleanseth from all sin; for that perfect righteousness, which justifieth the ungodly. As sinners, we now present ourselves before Thee, pleading for mercy and forgiving grace. We desire to forsake every false refuge, and to lay open our guilt and wretchedness.

Thou, O God, hast been a constant witness of all the follies of our youth and the sins of our riper years. How great has been the pride, the unbelief, and the obstinacy of our hearts! We have been lovers of pleasure, more than

lovers of God. We have said to the gold, thou art our hope, and to the fine gold thou art our confidence. We have been walking in the ways of our own hearts, and in the sight of our own eyes, while we have been practically saying to God, Depart from us; for we desire not the knowledge of Thy ways. We confess, that this, our wickedness, has been aggravated, by all the counsels and warnings, the light and love, the vows and promises, against which we have sinned. Under this load of guilt, we now make our humble flight to Thy throne of mercy, seeking pardon through the blood of atonement.

To Thee, O God, we would also bring our wretched hearts, begging Thee to form them anew by Thy Holy Spirit. May we turn with abhorrence from all sin. Let nothing appear small by which God is offended, or the soul is destroyed. And may we, and all Thy people, prove the sincerity of our repentance, by trying our hearts and ways, and turning unto the Lord. Oh that thoughtless multitudes might have their attention awakened to inquire what they shall do to be saved; and may those, who are striving against sin, never be weary, nor faint in their minds. Succeed a preached Gos-

pel. May it everywhere be attended with the demonstration of the Spirit, and with power.

Let glory dwell in our land. Preserve our national rights; and may the civil and religious privileges we enjoy, be transmitted to our posterity. Make our rulers public benefactors. Let not the things of our political peace be ever hidden from their eyes; and may we feel the importance of entrusting our national concerns to those, who fear God and hate covetousness. Bless our colleges and literary institutions. May streams flow from these fountains, which shall make glad the city of our God. Smile upon us with respect to the seasons. Give us a suitable seed-time, and a plentiful harvest. Favor us with the former and latter rains. Preserve us from destructive frosts, devouring insects, blasting mildew, and all the ministers of divine wrath. Protect us also against sickness and pestilential disease.

May things ever go well with us. Dispose Thy people to the practice of all those duties, on which the welfare of society depends. Restrain a spirit of faction and division. Subdue that selfishness, which produces perilous times. And may that righteousness, which exalteth a nation, be promoted. Regard our wretched

world with pity. Be the defender of the righteous cause, and in Thee may the helpless find an almighty friend. Still the commotions of the earth, and defeat the purposes of those, who are taking counsel against the Lord, or the welfare of society.

Accept our thanks for the outward mercies and religious privileges, we have this day enjoyed. Our prayers need pardon, and our tears the blood of sprinkling to wash them. Seal instruction on our hearts. Impress us with a deeper sense of the evil and destructive nature of sin; and as we have confessed, so help us to forsake our sins. Will God bless and build up our family! Whatever we are denied of present things, deny us not an interest in Thy favor, which is better than life. May we lie down this night, pardoned and accepted. May we sleep in safety and awake in peace; and in Thy due time, admit us to dwell in Thy presence, where there is fulness of joy, and at Thy right hand, where are pleasures forever, there to render those ceaseless praises, which are due to the King Eternal, Immortal, and Invisible, to whom be honor and glory forever. AMEN.

CHRISTMAS.

Morning.

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! we humbly beseech Thee to accept our hearty thanks for the manifold mercies which Thou hast conferred upon us. We bless Thee, especially, for sending Thy well-beloved Son, to take our nature upon Him, and to be made in the likeness of sinful flesh. We rejoice that unto us a Child was born; that unto us a Son is given. And we would join the multitude of the heavenly host, in ascribing glory to Thee in the highest; peace on earth, and good will toward men. We praise Thee for revealing to us the way, in which mercy and truth have met together; in which righteousness and peace have kissed each other. And we account it a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.

Help us, O God, to employ this day in meditating on this great mystery of godliness, God manifest in the flesh, which Thy holy angels desire to look into. And as, when Thou didst bring Thy first begotten into the world, Thou didst command all the heavenly host to wor-

ship Him, so may we give unto Him the glory which is due unto His name. O Thou great and glorious Redeemer, who art Wonderful, Counsellor, the Almighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace, we praise Thee; we bless Thee; we worship Thee; we glorify Thee; we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory, O Lord God, Lamb of God, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, King of kings, and Lord of lords, Immanuel, God with us. For Thou only art holy. Thou only art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father.

But chiefly, at this time, we adore Thee for leaving the glory, which Thou hadst with the Father before the world began. We know Thy grace, O Lord Jesus Christ, that though Thou wast rich, yet for our sakes Thou didst become poor, that we, through Thy poverty, might be made rich. We beseech Thee, by the mystery of Thy holy incarnation and nativity, good Lord, deliver us. O Son of David, have mercy upon us. Thou, who didst come that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly, be gracious unto us. Thou who wast called Jesus, that Thou mightest save Thy people

from their sins, save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

And give unto us grace, Almighty God, that we may cast away the works of darkness, and put upon us the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which Thy Son, Jesus Christ, came to visit us in great humility. As He came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and hath left us as an example to do unto others as He hath done unto us, so may we learn to take His yoke upon us, and to learn of Him, who was meek and lowly in heart, that we may find rest unto our souls. Grant, that we, being regenerate and made Thy children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by Thy Holy Spirit, and follow the blessed steps of His most holy life; ever remembering, that He gave Himself for us, to redeem us from all iniquity, and to purify us unto Himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.

Grant us, O Lord, Thy special blessing this day. Have compassion also, on those, who have never heard of the coming of our blessed Lord in the flesh. In Him who hath arisen to rule over the Gentiles, let the Gentiles trust, and find His rest to be glorious. Mercifully with Thy favor look upon the whole Christian

world. May all that name the name of Christ, depart from iniquity. Especially preserve them from turning this season into an occasion of revellings and unholy mirth. Let them rejoice, as Christians, in Christ their Saviour; and let Thy grace teach them to deny all ungodliness and worldly lusts, and to live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world.

And, as at Thy first coming, O Lord Jesus Christ, Thou didst send Thy messengers to prepare the way before Thee, we humbly beseech Thee, finally, to grant, that the ministers and stewards of Thy mysteries, may likewise so prepare and make ready Thy way, by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that, at Thy second coming to judge the world, we may be found an acceptable people in Thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we further pray:

Our Father, &c.

CHRISTMAS.

Evening.

O holy and merciful God! Thou art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and yet long-suffering toward sinners. We would approach Thy throne, acknowledging our unworthiness, and placing our whole trust and confidence in the promises, which Thou hast made unto us in Christ Jesus our Lord. We have greatly provoked Thee to anger by our manifold offences; and were not judgment Thy strange work, we should long since have received at Thy hands the just rewards of our evil doings. But Thou givest the highest manifestations of Thy almighty power in showing mercy and pity. Thou hast stretched forth the right hand of Thy majesty to avenge Thee of Thine enemies; but with Thine own arm Thou hast wrought out redemption for us. Thou hast not sent Thy Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

We bless Thee for revealing to us this great mystery, which was hid for ages and generations, but is now made manifest unto the sons of men. We rejoice that unto us was born a

Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Our souls do magnify the Lord, and our spirits do rejoice in God our Saviour. Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed be He that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed be Thou, the God of Israel, for visiting and redeeming Thy people, and raising up a horn of salvation for them; for performing the promise made unto their fathers, and for remembering Thy holy covenant. Praised be Thy name for sending forth, in the fulness of time, Thy only begotten Son, made of a woman, made under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. Glory be unto Thee, for causing Thy loving-kindness toward us to appear. Not by works of righteousness, which we have done, but according to Thy mercy, Thou hast saved us.

O Thou, who wast in Christ reconciling the world unto Thyself, not imputing their trespasses unto them, forgive us all our trespasses. Through Him, who was made in the likeness of sinful flesh, and came to seek and to save that which was lost, have mercy upon us. By the mystery of His holy incarnation and nativity, good Lord, deliver us. And, since Thy beloved Son was manifested, that he might de-

stroy the works of the devil, to make us the children of God, and heirs of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves, even as He is pure; and that, when He shall come again, in power and great glory, we may be made like unto Him, in His eternal and glorious kingdom. But who may abide the day of His coming? And who may stand when He appeareth? O Thou compassionate and faithful High Priest, partaker of our flesh and blood, who wast in all points tempted like as we, yet without sin, and art not ashamed to call us brethren, have pity upon our infirmities; and grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hands of our enemies, may serve Thee, without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Thee, all the days of our life.

Fill our hearts with love to Thee for the unspeakable gift, which Thou didst condescend to bestow upon a sinful world; and dispose us always most thankfully to receive it. Let the same mind also, be in us, which was in Christ Jesus; who, being in the form of God, and thinking it not robbery to be equal with God, yet made Himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was

found in fashion as a man, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief! Help us continually to follow the example of His great humility. In lowliness of mind, may we esteem others better than ourselves. And give us grace so to walk in all holiness of living, that we may not be ashamed before Him at His coming.

We pray likewise, O heavenly Father, that through Thy tender mercies, the Day-Spring from on high, which hath visited us, may arise, and shine upon the nations that are sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide their feet into the way of peace. Grant, that it may be both a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel. And may none of those, who behold it, love darkness rather than light, because their deeds are evil.

Raise up faithful and able ministers of the New Testament, to go before the face of the Lord, to prepare His ways, to give knowledge of salvation to His people, by the remission of their sins. Pour down Thy grace and heavenly benediction upon all who are called Christians. May the children of Zion be joyful in their King! And may they so truly follow the blessed steps of their Lord and Master, that

they may be saved by Him in the great day of His appearing and glory. Grant this for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Lord and Saviour.

Our Father, &c.

LAST DAY OF THE YEAR.

Evening.

Thou, O Lord, hast been our refuge, and our dwelling-place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever Thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting Thou art God. A thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday, when it is past, and as a watch of the night. But as for man, his days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth; for the wind passeth over it, and it is gone, and the place thereof knoweth it no more.

In appearing before Thee this evening, we are vividly reminded of these solemn truths. Through Thy good Providence over us have we been brought to the close not only of another day, but also of another year. Since we were last found in similar circumstances, many of our fellow-creatures, and some too who were near and dear to our hearts, have been sum-

moned to the eternal world. Great have been the changes which have been wrought by death. We, however, have been preserved; and are the living this night to praise Thee. Blessed be the God of salvation, to whom belong the issues from death, that we are yet in the regions of hope; that we have yet an accepted time, and a day of salvation; and that our opportunities of doing good, are still continued.

We would this night survey the mercies of the past year, with grateful hearts. Thou hast been with us in the midst of dangers seen and unseen, and safely brought us through them all. We have had our trials and afflictions; but thanks be to Thy name, they have been comparatively few in number, short in duration, alleviated in degree, merciful in design, and instructive and useful in their results. Thou hast not dealt with us after our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. What a series of bounties and blessings present themselves to our minds, when we look back upon the year through which we have passed; and to what, but to Thine unmerited goodness in the Son of Thy love, are we indebted for them all. We have been favored with health and

strength, food and raiment, and a comfortable place of abode; we have enjoyed the pleasures and comforts afforded by the society of friends and kindred, neighbors and acquaintances; yea, every day, hour, and moment of our lives, has been witness to Thy kindness and care.

We would especially acknowledge Thy goodness, in continuing to us the means of grace. Whatever else may at any time have been denied us, we have been richly favored with the provisions of Thy house. Thy holy Sabbaths have been continued, with all the blessings and privileges peculiar to them in a Christian land. Our ears have heard the joyful sound of the Gospel; and our hearts have often said, Lord, it is good for us to be here. We would praise Thee also, for the success, which has attended the efforts put forth for the spread of the Gospel. The means of grace have been accompanied with the influences of the Holy Spirit, and made effectual in the salvation of sinners. Oh that thou wouldst give still further success to Thy cause, and bring on speedily the period, when Thy glory shall cover the earth, as the waters do the great deep!

And whilst we gratefully record Thy goodness to us, we would not forget our sinfulness and unworthiness. We acknowledge, that, in the midst of Thy manifold acts of loving-kindness, we have been disobedient and unthankful. Well may we exclaim, Who can understand his errors? How many duties have we neglected or improperly performed! To what little purpose have we redeemed our time, or improved our talents! How little have we been alive to Thy glory, or sought, or even seized, when presented, opportunities of serving our generation! How unprofited have we been under the richest means of religious prosperity! and, when for the time we ought to be able to teach others, we need to be again taught ourselves, what are the first principles of the oracles of God. Be merciful to us sinners, O God. Pardon our iniquity; for it is great. Cleanse us from all unrighteousness; and work in us to will and to do of Thy good pleasure. Let us not carry one of our past sins with us into the new year, unrepented of, unbewailed, and unabhorred. With a new portion of time, may we also have new hearts, and become new creatures.

If during the coming year we should die—and in the midst of life, we are in death—may

death prove an eternal gain. But if our days are prolonged, may we walk before the Lord in the land of the living, and show forth all Thy praise. The number of our months is with Thee. In Thy hand our breath is, and Thine are all our ways. Prepare us for whatever awaits us, and bring us safely through it all unto the rest, that remains for Thy people. We ask all in the name, and for the sake of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, in whose words we address Thee, as

Our Father, &c.

FIRST DAY OF THE YEAR.

Morning.

Thou, O Lord, hast of old laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of Thy hands. They shall perish, but Thou shalt endure; yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt Thou change them and they shall be changed; but Thou art the same and Thy years shall have no end. We bless Thee, that, amidst all the vicissitudes and dangers to which we are subject, Thou makest our lives Thy care. Hitherto the Lord hath helped us. Through Thy good hand upon

us, have our eyes been permitted to open upon the light of another morning and the commencement of another year. We desire this day to call to remembrance the years of the right hand of the Most High. Goodness and mercy have followed us all the days of our lives. We would again particularly call to mind the mercies of the past year. We are the living, the living to praise Thee, as we do this day. Blessed be God for all the mercies, personal and relative, temporal and spiritual, with which the year has been crowned.

We also humbly lament the sins of the past year, as well as all the former sins of our lives. We beseech Thee, of Thine infinite mercy, to pardon them; and to grant us grace and strength to watch and strive against the repetition of them. May all old things pass away, and all things become new!

We desire to begin the new year with God. We would commit ourselves afresh to Thy care, and consecrate ourselves anew to Thy service. We know not what even a day, and much less, what a year, may bring forth; nor would we wish to know. It is enough for us to be assured, that our lives are in Thy hands. There we cheerfully leave ourselves and all our con-

cerns, praying and believing, that Thou wilt order all things wisely and graciously for us. We pray with submission to Thy sovereign will, that Thou wouldst continue our lives, and preserve our health and comforts to the close of another year. But especially we pray, that Thou wouldst prepare us for the events of it, and sanctify them to us, whatsoever they may be.

As every year which passes, brings us nearer to death and eternity, may it find us better prepared for our great change. We know not but that this year may be our last. God grant that should this be the case, it may prove our best. If Thou hast so decreed, that this year any of us shall die, O grant that death may be to us no terror or surprise. May we be dying daily to sin and the present world, so that whenever we finish this mortal life, we may enter upon that infinitely happy one, which shall never end. May the close of every year, and of every day, find us wiser and better; more happy in ourselves, more useful to others, and more meet for that world, where days and years shall be unknown and time shall be no more. In Thy presence, may we all spend a blessed eternity!

Be merciful to the young. May each of them, this day, hear Thee, saying, My son, give me Thy heart; and from this time forth, look to Thee as the guide of their youth. Bless Thy children and people everywhere. Succeed their endeavors to serve Thee; and may they at all times, share largely of the consolations of Thy grace. Do good to our country. May it continue to enjoy Thy protection and smiles. Bless our rulers and magistrates; and help them to govern in Thy fear. Prosper Thine own cause in the world. Build up Thy Church. Clothe her ministers with salvation, and cause her people everywhere to shout aloud for joy. May the works of darkness be speedily brought to nought, and righteousness and peace everywhere abound. We ask all in the name and for the sake of Him, who hath taught us to pray:

Our Father, &c.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Morning.

Most merciful and gracious God and Father in our Lord Jesus Christ! To Thee would we this morning once more draw near, and present our supplication and prayer. Through Thy good providence over us, have we been preserved through the dangers of the past night, and brought in safety to behold the light of this morning. Thy renewed goodness calls for renewed returns of gratitude and praise. We thank Thee for all Thy mercies, and pray for their continuance, and for grace and strength, in the enjoyment of them, to live to the glory and praise of Thy great and excellent name.

We have great need to seek Thee, the Lord, whilst Thou mayest be found, and to call upon Thee whilst Thou art near. Thy word declares, and our own sad experience has taught us, that in us, that is, in our flesh, dwelleth no good thing. The things of the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eye, and the pride of life, are continually tempting us, and leading us astray from Thee. Our affections towards Thee, are, accordingly, often cold and dull. We are prone to depart from Thee, and are luke-

warm and indifferent, when we ought to be filled with a holy zeal. We too much neglect and trifle with our own salvation, and with the salvation of those with whom we have constant intercourse. We have too little of that spiritual mind, which is life and peace. Our temptations are many; we often yield to them and have no strength in ourselves to resist or overcome them.

We pray Thee, therefore, to be merciful to us, sinners. Dispose and enable us to come to Jesus Christ, weary and heavy-laden as we are, that we may find rest in Him. Teach us our guilt and ruin, and help us to rely on His blood; and to build all our hopes on His righteousness. Grant that we, being ingrafted into Christ, may live wholly to Him. Suffer us not to deceive ourselves with a mere form and profession of religion; but give us true faith, that we may really abide in Christ and bear much fruit. Quicken Thou our souls. Make our hearts pure, humble, and devout; and may our conversation ever be holy and heavenly. Grant unto us the abundance of Thy Holy Spirit. May He guide us in all our ways, that we may never dishonor Thee by unfruitfulness or inconsistent conduct; but may abound in every

good work, and walk worthy of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Enable us this day to walk in Thy fear, and may we find ourselves greatly profited by the contemplation of those momentous truths, which this day is designed by the Church more immediately to commemorate. May we behold Jesus, stretched upon the Cross, and dying in agony for the sins of the world. May we especially contemplate Him as suffering for our transgressions, and as being bruised for our iniquities, knowing that the chastisement of our peace was upon Him and that by His stripes we are healed. Oh that a contemplation of these things, may deeply impress us with a sense of the evil of sin, and awaken in us feelings of abhorrence for it, so that we may truly repent of all our transgressions, and turn from them unto Thee, the living and true God!

Fill us also with sentiments of the warmest gratitude and love to Thee, for Thy unspeakable mercy to us in Jesus Christ Thy Son. Enable us to bless Thy great and holy name, that Jesus died for sinners, even for us. Yea, may we truly thank Thee, that grace, pardon, peace, strength, the Holy Spirit, and eternal life are given to sinners through faith in His blood.

Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and hath made us to be kings and priests unto God and His Father, may we ascribe glory and dominion forever and ever.

While we thus supplicate Thee in our own behalf, we would not be forgetful of others. We pray Thee, therefore, to let the bright glory and happy dominion of our Lord Jesus Christ, be spread over the whole world. Increase both the number and the zeal of those, who earnestly seek the good of Zion and the enlargement of Thy Son's kingdom. May Thy blessing attend every effort put forth in accordance with Thy will, to make the unsearchable riches of Christ known to the Gentiles. Give unto Thy people Israel the new heart and the new Spirit. Bless the favored country, so that it may be a highly honored instrument in diffusing the light of truth abroad; and grant that every exertion for that end, may be a means of reviving true religion in all our hearts at home. Bless all in authority. Let Thy priests be clothed with righteousness, and Thy people sing for joy. May peace and mercy be granted to all our relatives, and rest on our souls, and in our own family. May we, and all Thy peo-

ple, be united in one heart and mind in Thy service and love, praying for each other, bearing one another's burdens, and so fulfilling the law of Christ. Hear us for His name's sake, in whose words we would further pray,

Our Father, &c.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Evening.

Almighty God and everlasting Father! Thou art the Creator of the ends of the earth, who faintest not, neither art weary. Thy mercy also endureth forever. Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardonest iniquity; that passest by the transgression of Thy heritage, and retainest not Thine anger for ever? When we call to mind the days that are gone, from our youth up even until now, and consider how many of them have been spent in forgetfulness of Thee, we might well be overwhelmed with sorrow, and a consciousness of sins take such hold upon us, that we should not be able to look up, did we not know that Thy compassions fail not. We have abundant cause, O Lord, to remember and be confounded, and never to open our mouth any more, because of our shame, even

though Thou shouldst be at peace with us for all that we have done.

We have, therefore, great cause to bless Thee for Jesus, the Mediator of the new covenant, through whom we hope to be justified from all things, from which we could not be justified by any righteousness of our own. We adore and magnify Thy name, O Father of mercies, and God of all consolation, for having called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to Thy own purpose and grace, given us in Christ Jesus before the world began; whom, having not seen, we love, and in whom, though now we see Him not, yet believing, we may rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory.

We especially praise Thee for all the sorrows endured for us by Thy Son, which had their culmination on the cross, and for the particular contemplation of which, the day which has now closed, has been set apart by Thy Church. Oh that we may constantly remember His dying agonies, and feel that it was our sins which rendered it necessary that He should endure them. May we repent in dust and ashes before Thee, on account of our manifold short-comings, and, at the same time, look unto Jesus, as the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world.

We rejoice in view of the rich provision Thou hast made, by the death of Thy Son, for the salvation of souls; and we would summon all the powers of mind and body to the great work of praising Thee. O Lamb of God, worthy art Thou that wast slain; for Thou hast redeemed us unto God by Thy blood! Worthy art Thou that wast slain, to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing!

Teach us, O Lord, to live, day by day, in humble dependence on Thy promises; in cheerful obedience to Thy laws, and in a sure and certain hope of a blessed immortality. Keep us, we beseech Thee, with Thy perpetual mercy; and because such is our frailty, that without Thee we cannot but fall, preserve us by Thy help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation. Defend us from all our enemies, both temporal and spiritual. In all time of tribulation, in all time of prosperity, in the hour of death, and in the day of judgment, good Lord, deliver us. Grant, that we, being received for Thy own children by adoption, and being incorporated into Thy holy Church, may receive the fulness of Thy grace, and remain in the number of Thy

faithful children; and finally, with the residue of Thy people, be made partakers of Thy heavenly kingdom.

Preserve us, especially, from all the evils to which we may be exposed this night. Graciously give Thy angels charge concerning us, to pitch their tents around our beds; and grant that our friends, our neighbors, and all who are dear to us, may be brought in safety to the beginning of another day. As often as we are about to lie down on the bed of sleep, help us to look forward to that sleep in the dust of the earth, from which all shall awake at last, some to everlasting life, and some to everlasting shame and contempt. And may we be found meet in that day, to join in that glorious song, which Thou hast prepared for those who wait for Thy appearing: "Lo! this is our God: We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the Lord; we will rejoice, and be glad in His salvation."

Almighty and everlasting God, who dost govern all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear these our supplications; and grant us Thy peace all the days of our life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Our Father, &c.

EASTER SUNDAY.

Morning.

Once more, O Lord, have we been permitted to behold the light of Thy holy Sabbath, and to have in prospect the enjoyment of the manifold privileges peculiar to it in a Christian land. This is indeed the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Oh that we may be in the Spirit on the Lord's day! Whilst in it we remember the great work of creation as finished, may we give glory to Thee, O God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth. O Thou, who didst at first command the light to shine out of darkness, shine this day into our hearts, and give us more of the light of the knowledge of Thy glory in the face of Jesus Christ; and let us be Thy workmanship, created anew in Him unto good works.

With peculiar pleasure would we call to mind on this Sabbath of Sabbaths, the resurrection of our exalted Redeemer from the dead on the first day of the week, which this day is designed especially to commemorate, and by which He was declared to be the Son of God with power, and is become the first fruits of those that slept.

Oh that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also may rise with Him, and walk in newness of life. We bless Thee, that when Jesus was glorified, the Holy Ghost was given to carry on His undertaking until His second coming, and that we have the promise, that He shall abide with us forever. We pray that the Spirit of Him, who raised up Christ from the dead, may dwell and rule in us, to make us partakers of a new and divine nature.

Be graciously present with us, through all the solemn services of this day. Pour out upon us, and all who shall meet in Thy name, the Spirit of grace and supplication. Let none of us draw near to Thee with our lips only, while our hearts are far from Thee; but enable us to worship Thee in spirit and in truth. Cause Thy face to shine upon us. Grant that we may find, that the Lord is in His holy temple, and be able to say, It was good for us to have been there! Prepare our hearts to receive Thy holy word, that it may be as seed sown in good ground, and bring forth much fruit to perfection. Bless especially all such as expect this day to enter into covenant relation with Thyself, or hope again to receive the memorials

of our Saviour's sufferings and death. May contrition, penitence, faith, humility, and love, be in lively exercise and greatly increased. May all of us be enabled to raise our affections to things above, and to have our conversation in heaven!

Bless all who shall this day minister in holy things. Multiply unto them Thy grace, that they may be faithful, diligent, and laborious. Grant them humility, disinterestedness, watchfulness, and zeal. May all have grace to take heed to themselves, and to the flock, over which the Holy Ghost has made them overseers, feeding the Church of God, which He has purchased with His own blood. Stand by and strengthen them this day. Open Thou their mouths, and enable them to testify boldly the Gospel of the grace of God. We especially pray for him, who ministers among us. May he be enabled this day to speak a word in season to us, and to all who hear him.

And, we beseech Thee to grant, that this Thy Sabbath may be distinguished by great and singular mercies to Thy Church. Be Thou with all Christian congregations meeting to worship Thee. By the ministry of Thy word this day, convert Thou many sinners; heal

those who have backslidden; strengthen those who are weak, and confirm those who are strong. Give Thy word free course, and let it be glorified in every land, and among every people.

Hear us, O Lord, in our prayers; forgive us our sins; and do more for us than we can ask or are worthy to receive, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Father, &c.

EASTER SUNDAY.

Evening.

At the close of this day, we would again, O Lord, come into Thy presence, and present to Thee our evening sacrifice of prayer, and praise, and thanksgiving. Thou hast been pleased to favor us with another of Thy holy Sabbaths. We have therein enjoyed great and glorious privileges. The lines have indeed fallen to us in pleasant places; yea, we have had a goodly heritage. We praise Thee for all that our eyes have seen, our ears heard, or our hands handled of the word of eternal life.

We have this day been led to contemplate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ from

the dead, whereby He triumphed over all His and our enemies, and thus finished the great work of redemption. May the truths we have heard and read, and all the solemn services in which we have been engaged, make a deep and lasting impression upon our hearts, and bring forth appropriate fruit in our lives. Grant that we, being risen with Christ, may seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. May our affections be set on things above, and not on things on the earth. Oh that the life we now live in the flesh, may be by the faith of the Son of God! May we adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things.

Bless all, who have waited upon Thee this day, in the ministrations of Thy house. May the truth spoken prove a word in season to many souls. Grant unto such as have this day openly avouched Thee, the Lord, to be their God, the Lord Jesus Christ to be their Saviour and Redeemer, and the Holy Ghost to be their Comforter, Sanctifier, and Guide, or as have, over Thine altar, renewed their covenant vows to be Thine, grace and strength to walk worthy of their high and holy relations. May they be enabled ever to bring forth in their lives, the

peaceable fruits of righteousness. Pity such as have this day been deprived of the public means of grace, by sickness or infirmity. Let them know in their happy experience that Thou art not confined to temples made with hands. Be with them in all their troubles; and impart unto them largely of the consolations of Thy grace. May such as have neglected, or failed to improve the privileges of this day, be brought to see their sinfulness, and to repent, before it shall be forever too late.

Accomplish all that Thou hast promised, O heavenly Father, concerning Thy Church, in the latter days. Let the earth be filled with Thy glory. May the fulness of the Gentiles be brought in and all Israel be saved. Propagate the Gospel in all parts of our land. Let the enlargement of trade and commerce contribute to the enlargement of Thy Church. Let the kingdom of Christ, in all places, be erected upon the ruins of Satan's kingdom. Hasten the downfall of the man of sin, and let primitive Christianity, even pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father, be revived, and made to flourish wherever the Gospel is sent. Let the power of Godliness prevail among all who have the form of it. May the wars of the

nations end in the peace of the Church, and the convulsions and revolutions of States and Kingdoms, issue in the advancement of the kingdom of God among men; even that kingdom, which cannot be moved.

Prosper, we pray Thee, the trade of our nation. Guard our coasts. Disappoint the devices of our enemies; and preserve the public peace. Bless the fruits of the earth. Continue our plenty. Abundantly bless our provisions, and satisfy our poor with bread. Preserve the health of the nation, and delight to dwell among us and to do us good.

Forgive, O Lord, whatsoever Thou hast seen amiss in us during the past day. Watch over us this night. Refresh our bodies with quiet and comfortable sleep. Prepare us for the duties of the coming day, and for all that awaits us in life. May the whole time of our sojourning here below be spent in Thy fear and in Thy service; and grant that we may all at last be found amongst the number of those, who shall participate in the resurrection of the just.

Our Father, &c.

ASCENSION DAY.

Morning.

Almighty and most merciful Father! manifold and highly aggravated are the sins, which we have committed against Thee. On account of them, Thou mightest most justly have cut us off in the midst of our days. But Thy mercy has prevailed over Thy judgments, and in the exercise of Thy goodness, we have been spared. We would praise Thee for all Thy grace and loving-kindness, and, at the same time, humble ourselves deeply, on account of our great sinfulness and unworthiness. Oh that Thou wouldst be pleased graciously to accept our unfeigned sorrow for our past transgressions; and grant that we may never so presume upon Thy mercy, as to despise the riches of Thy goodness; but let a sense of Thy forbearance and long-suffering work in us repentance and amendment of life, to Thy honor and glory, and to our final acceptance in the last day, through the merits of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Thou didst not at first, O Lord, pass by our race, as Thou didst the angels that sinned; but didst, in the plenitude of Thy mercy, provide for them a Saviour in Jesus Christ Thy Son.

In the fulness of time, Thou didst send Him into the world, and cause Him to pass through a life of toil and suffering, and at last to submit to the excruciating and ignominious death of the Cross. Thou didst not, however, leave Him under the power of death; but didst raise Him from the dead, and cause Him to ascend into heaven, to be seated at Thy right hand, until He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. All this hast Thou done, that it might be possible for Thee to be just, and yet the Justifier of those of our race, who believe in Jesus. We praise Thee for this glorious scheme of redemption; and would this morning gratefully contemplate its various acts, and especially that which this day is designed by Thy Church particularly to commemorate. We rejoice, that Jesus has ascended on high, having led captivity captive, and received gifts for men, and is now seated at Thy right hand, ready to dispense the riches of Thy heavenly grace unto all, who place their trust in Him. Grant, that as He has ascended into heaven, so we also may in heart and mind ascend thither, and dwell continually with Him, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end.

Whilst Thou art pleased to continue us in this pilgrimage world, we pray Thee to keep alive in us a spirit of true devotion, and preserve us from the great sin of praying to Thee with our lips only, and not with our heart and mind also. Convince us of our entire dependence on Thee; and quicken us in the pursuit of things eternal, that we may continually press forward to obtain the prize of our high calling in Christ Jesus. Dispose us, we beseech Thee, rightly to discharge the duties of this day. Watch over our path. Compass us about with Thy favor. Preserve us in our going out and our coming in; and direct all our steps in the way of Thy commandments. Make us truly honest and conscientious in all our business; diligent in the performance of our duty; innocent in our conversation; meek, charitable, and forgiving towards others; watchful over ourselves, and ever mindful of Thy presence.

If now, O Lord, we have asked anything amiss, we pray Thee to pardon our ignorance and infirmity; and whatsoever is good for us, even if we ask it not, be pleased to grant to us, in the name and for the sake of Thy dear Son Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate.

Our Father, &c.

ASCENSION DAY.

Evening.

Manifold, O Lord, are the mercies which we have received at Thy hands during the past day. Thou hast been with us throughout its checkered scenes, and preserved us from the temptations and dangers to which we were exposed. We have also been favored with the comforts of Thy Providence, and abundantly blessed with the blessings and privileges of Thy grace. All these things Thou hast conferred upon us, even whilst we, by our sins and transgressions, have rendered ourselves unworthy of the least of all Thy mercies. What shall we render unto the Lord for all His benefits to-us-ward? We will take of the cup of Thy salvation; we will call upon Thy great and excellent name.

We thank Thee, O Lord, in the sincerity of our hearts, for all that Thou hast this day conferred upon us. Especially would we praise Thee for everything that relates to the interests of our never dying souls. Thou hast been pleased to provide us with a Saviour in the gift of Thy Son, and this day have we been led, by the appointment of Thy Holy Church, to contemplate Him as an ascended and glorified Re-

deemer. We praise Thee, O God, the King of glory, that, after He had finished the work of redemption, Thou didst cause Him to sit down at the right hand of Thy Majesty in heaven, and hast thus exalted Him, with great power and glory, to be a Prince and a Saviour. And we pray Thee, that Thou wilt not leave us comfortless, but send down upon us the Holy Ghost, to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place, whither our Saviour Christ has gone before; who liveth and reigneth with Thee, and the Holy Ghost, one God for ever and ever.

Whilst we thus record Thy loving-kindness with grateful hearts, we would not forget to humble ourselves in Thy presence, on account of our manifold sins and transgressions. This day, in the midst of all Thy mercies, we have been guilty of acts of rebellion, which might justly incur for us the inflictions of Thine indignation and wrath. But, O Lord, have mercy upon us, and for the sake of our once crucified, but now risen and ascended Redeemer, blot out all our transgressions, and remember our sins no more against us. May we experience the blessedness of those, whose transgressions are forgiven and whose sins are covered.

We would, now, O heavenly Father, commit us to Thy holy care and keeping for the night. May we rest securely under the shadow of Thy protection. Defend us from all perils and dangers, and especially from those, which may assault and hurt the soul. Prepare us, by comfortable repose, for the duties of the morrow, and grant that we may rise disposed and strengthened for Thy service, as faithful and diligent disciples of Thy blessed Son; in whose words we further pray,

Our Father, &c.

WHITSUNDAY.

Morning.

Thou, O Lord, hast set apart the Sabbath for Thyself and commanded us to keep it holy. Help us to realize this solemn truth as we ought, and impart unto us grace to improve all our holy time, to the purpose for which it has been given. May we this day worship before Thee in the beauty of holiness, and make great progress in our journey towards the heavenly Jerusalem.

Especially, O Lord, as Thou didst on the day

of Pentecost, pour out Thy Holy Spirit upon Thy holy apostles, and cause them to proclaim in divers tongues to perishing sinners the precious grace of Thy salvation, do Thou this day open the windows of heaven and cause such showers of divine influences to descend upon us, and all Thy people, that there shall not be room sufficient for the reception of them. Oh that we may indeed be favored with a real Pentecostal season! May we and all Thy people be greatly revived and quickened in the ways of holy obedience; and may sinners be pricked to their hearts and constrained to cry out, Men and brethren, what must we do to be saved? and be directed to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world.

Prepare us, we pray Thee, for the various duties, which are before us this day. Sanctify unto us all the means of grace, with which Thou art pleased to favor us. Send out Thy light and truth; and let them lead us, and bring us to Thy holy hill, and to Thy tabernacle. May we go with the multitude to the house of prayer, with the voice of joy and praise; even with the multitude that keep Thy holy day. There may we see Thy power and glory, as Thy servants see them in Thy sanctuary; and

be satisfied with the goodness of Thy house, even of Thy holy temple.

Be with all ministers of the Gospel, who shall this day proclaim the glad tidings of salvation to perishing sinners. Endue them plentifully with the grace of Thy Holy Spirit. Give unto them the spirit of love, and of power, and of a sound mind. Make them able ministers of the New Testament; faithful stewards of the mysteries of God. Help them to take heed unto themselves and to the doctrine; so that, according to Thy promise, they may both save themselves and those who hear them. Regard with special favor Thy Holy Catholic Church. May she be continually inspired with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord. Grant that all, who confess Thy name, may agree in the truth of Thy holy word, and live in unity and godly love. May numbers be daily added to Thy Church, of such as shall be saved.

Pity those who neglect Thy Holy Sabbaths. May they be brought to see their sinfulness and to repent, and to improve such of their holy time as still remains. Remember in much mercy those, who through sickness, or any other impediment, are prevented from attending the ordinances of Thy house, and the habitation

which their soul loveth. Let Thy presence be with them in their private meditations, even as with those, who assemble together, in the places where Thine honor dwelleth.

Have compassion upon all, who are perishing out of Jesus Christ, the ark of safety. May He, who hath been set apart for a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of Thy people Israel, shine upon the nations, which are sitting in darkness, and in the shadow of death. Greatly multiply the number of those, who shall go forth into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Let nation after nation be converted to the Christian faith, until the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and the earth be filled with the knowledge of Thy glory, as the waters cover the sea.

Hear, O Lord, these our imperfect petitions, and answer them in the multitude of Thy tender mercies, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Lord and Saviour, to whom, with Thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end.

Our Father, &c.

WHITSUNDAY.

Evening.

Father of mercies and God of all consolation and grace! Thou hast been pleased to favor us with the light, and blessings, and privileges of another of Thy holy Sabbaths, and we desire to praise Thee, at this time, in the sincerity of our hearts, for all that we have thus received at Thy hands. This day have we again had the glad tidings of salvation, in and through a crucified but risen Redeemer, proclaimed unto us. Especially have our thoughts and attention been directed to that great event in the history of Thy apostolic Church, the outpouring of the Holy Ghost upon Thy disciples, which this day is designed to commemorate. Oh that we may be enabled to feel properly thankful to Thee for the fidelity, which Thou didst therein evince to Thy promises, as well as to the interests of Thy people! And grant, that as the Holy Ghost, the Comforter, has come, so He may abide with us forever, and lead us into all truth.

We confess, O Lord, that we have this day not improved in the midst of our mercies and privileges as we ought to have done. Imper-

fection and even sin have mingled with our best attempts to serve Thee. We pray, that Thou wouldst, for Jesus' sake, forgive all that Thou hast seen amiss. At the same time, do Thou add Thy gracious blessing unto all that has been in accordance with Thy will. May neither the cares, nor the pleasures of this world, destroy the seed of the word which may have this day been sown in our hearts; but may it spring up, and bear fruit, some thirty, sixty, or an hundred-fold. We have desired the sincere milk of the word, that we may grow thereby. We are another Sabbath day nearer the end of life. Do Thou grant, that we may be nearer to heaven in our tempers, in our conduct, and in our desires, and affections. From this night forth, we would desire to lead a life more conformable to the holy Gospel we profess, and to the glorious hopes we are permitted to entertain.

Be pleased, O Lord, to follow with Thy blessing the preaching of the Gospel everywhere. Wherever the name of Christ has this day been named, may multitudes see the need of His salvation, and be constrained to fly to Him as their city of refuge. And let the glorious period spoken of by Thy holy prophet soon come,

when the whole earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the channels of the sea. Hear the intercessions which have this day been put up through all Thy churches; especially such as have been offered in behalf of the land in which we dwell, its government, and Thy Church. Pardon whatsoever has been asked amiss; and wherein Thy servants may have neglected to ask for needful blessings for themselves and others, do Thou, of Thine infinite goodness, supply the deficiency.

And now, O God, permit us to commend our bodies and souls to Thy paternal care this night. Thou art the keeper of Israel, who never slumbereth nor sleepeth. Give us comfortable and refreshing sleep. Be at our right hand, and we will not fear what evil men, or evil spirits can do to us; and having found that Thou hast been our refuge and defence all the night long, may we awake in the morning disposed to meditate upon Thy goodness and mercy. Oh may we live in Thy love and fear all our days, and improve by every dispensation of Thy providence and grace, and at last be admitted, with all who are allied with us by nature or grace, into Thy heavenly kingdom. We ask

and hope for every blessing, in the name, and for the sake, of our dear Redeemer.

Our Father, &c.

UNDER DANGEROUS SICKNESS.

O Lord God Almighty! in whom we all live, and move, and have our being; we acknowledge, that it is of Thy mercy we have not been consumed; yea, even because Thy compassions fail not, but are renewed every morning and evening, and repeated every moment of our lives. Hadst Thou long ere this time cut us down as cumberers of the ground, and shut us up in everlasting despair, Thou wouldst have been righteous in such severe dealings; and justly mightest Thou even now refuse to hear us in our prayers, who have so often refused to yield to the movings of Thy Spirit upon our hearts. But Thou, O Lord, art God and not man. Thy thoughts are not as our thoughts, nor Thy ways as our ways. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are Thy thoughts above our thoughts, and Thy ways above our ways. We rejoice to know, that Thou art our refuge and our strength, and a very present help in time of trouble.

We come to Thee, O Lord our God, at this time, in behalf of *him*, upon whom Thou hast placed Thy chastening hand, and who is now suffering from disease and pain. Look down, we humbly beseech Thee, in great mercy upon *him*, and show Thyself favorable unto *him*, according to the multitude of Thy tender mercies in Christ Jesus. If Thou wilt but speak the word, *he* shall be healed of all *his* maladies. In humble submission to Thy righteous and holy will, would we, therefore, beg of Thee, that Thou wouldst be pleased to remove from *him*, the disease from which *he* is now suffering, and restore *him* again to health. To this end, do Thou direct to the use of such means, as Thou shalt be pleased to own and bless for *his* recovery. Spare *him*, good Lord, if it be Thy blessed will; and grant unto *him* still further time to work out *his* salvation, and to labor for the promotion of Thy glory and the interests of our race. And however it shall please Thee to deal with *him* as to the concerns of *his* body, which, we pray Thee, may be in the way of great gentleness and tender mercy; do Thou let *his* soul be ever precious in Thy sight, and may even the present sickness be for the health of that immortal and better part.

Give *him* proper views of the things, which belong to *his* peace, before they be forever hid from *his* eyes. Show *him* what Thou wilt have *him* to do; and strengthen *him* for its faithful performance, so that *he* may have an abiding peace with Thee, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Give *him* true repentance towards God, and a right faith in the only Saviour of the world. Wash and cleanse *his* soul with the blood of Thy Son, and the graces of Thy Spirit, that it may be delivered from all the defilement it has contracted in this present evil world, and be found safe and happy in the hour of death, and in the great day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Fit *him*, O Lord, for living or dying, whatever, in Thy wise and righteous providence, Thou hast designed for *him;* so that it may be unto *him* Christ to live, and great gain to die. May *he*, in the midst of all, experience Thy gracious goodness as exercised in the Son of Thy love, and thus ever find cause to glorify Thy name. If Thou shalt be pleased to release *him* from *his* bed of languishing, and to permit *him* to live longer upon earth, enable *him* to live to Thee in Thy fear and to Thy praise, and to do Thee better service, and bring Thee greater glory, than *he* has ever heretofore done.

But, shouldst Thou have determined, that this sickness shall be unto death, and this visitation, *his* last visitation, do Thou, O most merciful God, prepare *him* by Thy grace, for the enjoyment of Thyself; and grant unto *him* a safe and comfortable passage out of this transitory life to an ever abiding and infinitely better one, through the merits and mediation of Thy beloved Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

DANGEROUS SICKNESS OF A CHILD.

BLESSED Saviour, in Thine earthly life, Thou didst have pity upon the sorrows and sufferings of men. Thou didst heal their sicknesses. Yea, Thou didst hear the cry of anguish for the dead, and didst give back to Jairus his daughter, and to the widow of Nain her son. Oh! hear our cry, we entreat Thee, and spare the life of our dear child. Even against hope, we do hope in Thy mercy. We have consecrated this beloved child to Thee; and, above all earthly wishes, our hearts' desire is that *he* may live to serve Thee in a holy and useful life on earth.

But, Lord, heaven is Thine also; and if it be Thy will, that *he* should go to serve Thee in the higher life, help us cheerfully to acqui-

esce. Grant us also, the strength of faith, the sweetness of patience, the serenity of submission, the joy of consecration. May we have grace to make it manifest, that the fervor of natural affection has only kindled the more our devotion to our Father in Heaven! May our affections be on things above, our life hid with Christ in God, and when He shall appear, may we and all our dear ones be forever with Him in His glory, for His name's sake. AMEN.

THE DEATH OF A CHILD.

BLESSED Saviour! we would hear Thy voice and believe. We bow in sorrow and submission at the footstool of Infinite Mercy. Thou hast taken from us, O Lord, a dear child, whom we had consecrated to Thee, and had fondly hoped to bring up in Thy kingdom upon earth. But Thou hast consecrated *him* with the seal of death unto Thy heavenly kingdom. Thy will, O God! be done.

We bless Thee for the gift of such a child; for all the joy that *his* coming brought; for all the love and hope *he* had kindled in our hearts; for the privilege of possessing *him* for Thee. And now, that Thou hast claimed *him*

for Thine own, we bless Thee for all the comfort and delight we have had in *him;* and we pray that the remembrance of Thy goodness in this gift, may incline us to trust Thee in our sorrow. Oh! sanctify our hearts! [Bless the dear children still left to us; and, if it please Thee, spare them to us. But, O Lord! draw them to Thyself in a love stronger and richer than ours.] And may our home be the more sacred because of this visitation! Remember all families in affliction and comfort them. Blessed Saviour, though Thou dost not give back our dead, we would believe, that they yet live with Thee; and we beseech Thee, prepare us by Thy grace to join them in the Kingdom of Thy Father. AMEN.

FOR ONE IN PROSPECT OF DEATH.

O THOU, who art the hope of Israel, and the Saviour thereof in time of trouble! When all other hope and help fail, it is not in vain to seek unto Thee for succor. Thou canst bring back from the mouth of the grave; and when it does not accord with Thy will farther to prolong the temporal life, Thou canst deliver from eternal death and bring safe to the blessed

life everlasting. We would humbly supplicate Thee, at this time, in behalf of *him*, whose sick, and, in all probability, dying couch, we are now surrounding. If it be Thy blessed will, spare *his* life, and restore *him* to health, notwithstanding the unfavorable prospects before *him* for such an issue.

Should it, however, please Thee, O Lord, to realize our worst fears with regard to *his* case, and cause this sickness to end in *his* death, we pray Thee to remember *him* in great mercy in the midst of *his* last, trying hours. Oh leave *him* not, nor forsake *him;* but support and assist *him*, in *his* sorest extremities. In *his* last agonies, when *he* is in conflict with the king of terrors, may *he* find the most sweet and seasonable aids from the Almighty God of *his* salvation; and do Thou not take *him* out of this life, until Thou hast fitted *him* for a better. Stand by *him* in the dying hour, and secure *him* in Thy hands from the enemies of *his* soul, and finish all that is wanting of the work of Thy grace upon *his* heart. Freely and fully pardon all *his* sins, for the sake of the merits of the death of Thy Son, and deliver *him* from them, and fit *him* to appear with comfort and rejoicing in Thy blessed presence. Oh make

his departure easy, and full of peace and hope. Carry *him* safe through the valley and shadow of death, and let *him* find it to be the gate of glory, and a door opened into the everlasting kingdom and joy of *his* Lord.

Into Thy hands we would commend *his* spirit. O Thou Father of mercies, be Thou merciful to *him*, and receive *his* departing soul, and when *he* is numbered among the dead, let *him* also be numbered among the redeemed and blessed of the Lord, even for His sake, who Himself died for sinners, and rose again, and lives and is alive for ever more, and has the keys of death and hell. To Thy mercy in that Saviour of the world, O most merciful Father, would we now humbly commit *him;* beseeching Thee to be all in all to *him*, and to do infinitely better than we are worthy or able to ask for *him;* and especially to make *him* Thine in life and death, and for ever more, through the all-sufficient mediation of Thy dear Son, our prevailing Advocate and Redeemer, Jesus Christ. AMEN.

THANKSGIVING FOR RECOVERY FROM SICKNESS.

Incomprehensibly great and ever glorious God! we adore Thee as a being infinite, eternal, and unchangeable. Thou canst and dost do whatsoever Thou pleasest. Thine eyes are in every place, beholding the evil and the good. May we always remember, that wherever we are, there God is; and that whatever we are doing, Thine eye is upon us. Thou art acquainted with all our thoughts, words, and actions, and knowest the secret purposes of our hearts. May we remember, that our whole lives are recorded in Thy book, for that day when all our thoughts, words, and actions will be brought into judgment. Let us not indulge the vain hope, that we can conceal our sins from God, or without repentance, escape Thy wrath.

We thank Thy wisdom and love, that we have time allotted us for repentance, and that Thou hast said, that whosoever confesseth and forsaketh his sin shall find mercy. Do Thou, who art exalted to give repentance and remission of sins, give us hearts to mourn before Thee all our ingratitude and vileness, especially that we have loved Thee no more and served Thee no better; and may we return as the pro-

digal, confessing that we have sinned, Father, against heaven and before Thee, and are not worthy to be called Thy children. We pray that Thou wouldst help us henceforth to forsake sin. May we fear God and keep His commandments; do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly. Let us not do anything whereby God shall be offended, our fellow-creatures injured, or our own consciences burdened with guilt.

Thou art ever placing us under great obligations to Thee. May we at all times be mindful of Thy mercies and make to Thee those returns, which are justly thy due. We would especially at this time render Thee our grateful acknowledgments, for the kind interposition of Thy Providence on the behalf of one of this family, whom Thou hast recovered from sickness [and raised from the borders of the grave. Thou killest and Thou makest alive; Thou woundest, and Thou healest]. Make *him* whom Thou hast graciously restored, and all the members of this family, unfeignedly thankful for Thy delivering mercy, and let *his* life and ours show forth Thy praise. Grant that both the affliction and the mercy may be sanctified, as the means of bringing *him* and us nearer to Thyself, and quickening us in the great duties

of life; and prepare us for a dying hour, whensoever it may come. To us to live, may it be Christ, and to die, gain.

We now commend us one and all to Thy special care. We pray Thee to be with us through all the checkered scenes of life. Be Thou our guide and guard. Keep us from all evil, but especially from sin. In dependence on Thy grace, may it be our resolution, that our hearts shall not reproach us so long as we live; and may we at last die in peace, and fall asleep in Jesus; to whom with Thee, the Father, and the eternal Spirit, be glory forever. AMEN.

THE MORNING BEFORE A FUNERAL.

O THOU, who art our great Creator, and by Thy good hand upon us, still our merciful Preserver, may we at this time approach the footstool of Thy throne, with divine forgiveness and gracious acceptance. To whom can we go but unto Thee, who art the Father of lights, and the fountain of every blessing; and who hast said in Thy holy word, "Call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver Thee, and Thou shalt glorify me." Thou hast also told us, that,

"It is better to go to the house of mourning than to the house of feasting; for that is the end of all men, and the living will lay it to his heart."

In Thy wise and holy Providence, Thou hast been pleased to take away by the hand of death, our deceased friend [brother, sister, parent, or child]. *His* spirit has returned to Thee, who gave it, and upon us devolves this day the mournful duty of committing *his* body to the earth out of which it was taken. Look Thou upon us, in great mercy, in the midst of these solemn circumstances, and enable us to pass properly and successfully through the trying scenes before us. May we upon this, and every other occasion, submit ourselves to Thee, and say, with sincere and honest hearts: "The will of the Lord be done." Yea, may we imitate Thy servant of old, who, in the midst of the sorest affliction, exclaimed with becoming resignation, "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

We rejoice, that Thou hast not left us in our present circumstances, without sources of comfort and hope. Our blessed Redeemer hath said, "I am the resurrection, and the life. He that believeth on me, though he were dead, yet

shall he live." May we be enabled to look to Him in this blessed aspect of His character. Help us to extend our views forward to that day, when Thou shalt redeem our souls from the power of the grave, and when these bodies which are sown in corruption, dishonor, and weakness, shall be raised in incorruption, glory, and power, and that saying be brought to pass —"Death is swallowed up in victory." On that important and interesting day, when the world shall be judged in righteousness by that Jesus, whom God the Father hath appointed, may we and all our deceased friends, appear clothed with His righteousness, and hear Him pronounce those gracious words: "Come ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Knowing these precious truths, may we be enabled, O Lord, in the midst of our trying circumstances, to comfort ourselves together, and to edify one another, ever reckoning, that "the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that shall be revealed in us," and being assured, "that our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory." Especially, may we, in

our happy experience, find our affliction so sanctified to us, as to lead us to sincere repentance for all our sins, wean our hearts and affections from the perishing things of this world, and prepare us for spending at last an eternity of blessedness with Thee in heaven.

Now, unto Him, who is able to keep us from falling, and to present us faultless before the presence of His glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God, our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. AMEN.

THE EVENING AFTER A FUNERAL.

Father of mercies, and God of all consolation and grace! Thou hast often invited us to Thyself, by kindness; and it is evidence of our great depravity, that we think of Thee so little in our times of ease and prosperity. We are now before Thee in affliction and distress; but we rejoice to know, that Thou art a very present and an all-sufficient help in trouble. Thou takest away, and who can hinder Thee, or say unto Thee, What doest Thou? Thou hast a right to do what Thou wilt with Thine own. Thou art a Sovereign, and the reasons of Thy

conduct are often far above, out of our sight; but Thy work is perfect, Thy ways are judgment. All Thy dispensations are wise and righteous, and kind—kind, even when they seem to be severe.

May we hear Thy voice in Thy rod, as well as in Thy word; and gathering from the corrections with which we are exercised, the peaceable fruits of righteousness, be able to acknowledge with all our suffering brethren before us, "It is good for us that we have been afflicted." It is not Thy word only, that reminds us of our living in a dying world, but all observation and experience. Man is continually going to his long home, and the mourners daily go about the streets. And we are accomplishing as a hireling, our day; and in a little time our neighbors, friends, and relatives will seek us—and we shall not be. Thou hast made our days as a hand's breadth, and our age is as nothing before Thee; verily man at his best estate is altogether vanity. For our days are not only few, but full of evil.

We acknowledge with shame and sorrow, that the state of degradation and mortality in which we groan was not our original condition. Thou madest man upright; but he

sought out many inventions. By one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. We bless Thee that this is not our final state. By the discoveries of faith, we see new heavens, and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness. We see our vile bodies changed, and fashioned like the Saviour's own glorious body; and man the sinner, raised above the angels, who never sinned. Glory be to Thee, for Thy purpose of grace formed before the world began, and accomplished in the fulness of time, by the Son of Thy love, who hath abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light by the Gospel.

Oh let not the trifles of time induce us to neglect the one thing needful. While each of us is compelled to say, "I know Thou wilt bring me to death, and to the house appointed for all living," may we be enabled also to say, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him against that day." Let not, we beseech Thee, the solemnities in which we have this day participated, be ever forgotten; for often, our most serious impressions have worn off, and our goodness has been

as the morning cloud and the early dew that soon pass away.

Thou hast permitted death to invade our circle, and hast turned our dwelling into a house of mourning. May we find, that it is better to be in the house of mourning, than in the house of mirth. By the sadness of the countenance, may the heart be made better, more serious to reflect, and more softened to receive impression. With the feelings of the creature, may we blend the views and the hopes of the Christian. May we remember that Thou hast bereaved us, resuming what was lent for a season, but never ceased to be Thine own. May we, therefore, be dumb and not open our mouth, because Thou hast done it; or if we speak, may it be to acknowledge and pray—We know, O Lord, that Thy judgments are right, and that Thou in faithfulness hast afflicted us; let Thy loving-kindness be for our comfort, according to Thy word.

We now commit us to Thy care and keeping during the night before us. We pray Thee to be near unto us and to watch over us for good. May we awake in the morning refreshed, and find Thee present with us still; and we shall give all the glory unto the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, world without end. AMEN.

CONSISTORIAL, OR OTHER ECCLESIASTICAL MEETING.

Opening.

We have convened, O Lord! at this time, to transact business intimately connected with the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom, and the welfare of never-dying souls. Help us to realize the responsibilities which rest upon us individually and collectively, and our insufficiency of ourselves to discharge our duties aright. From Thee only all proper guidance and assistance must come. Do Thou, therefore, direct us in all our doings with Thy most gracious favor, and further us with Thy continual help; that, in all our work, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy holy name; and finally, by Thy mercy, obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONSISTORIAL, OR OTHER ECCLESIASTICAL MEETING.

Close.

We have been permitted, O Lord! to transact the business, which has caused our coming together at this time. Thou knowest how far we have therein been controlled by a sense of Thy presence, and our accountability to Thee.

Hast Thou seen any thing amiss in any one of us, do Thou, for Jesus' sake, forgive. Bless all our doings, so far as they accord with Thy holy will. May they contribute to the best interests of all whom they concern, and redound to the honor and glory of Thy great and excellent name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

SOCIAL MEETING.

Opening.

Father of mercies and God of all consolation and grace! we have assembled, at this time, for the purpose of spending a short season together in exercises of religious worship. We rejoice that this privilege has been accorded us, and especially, that we have so much encouragement given us to spread our wants before Thee, and to seek their supply out of Thine inexhaustible fulness. O that Thou wouldst look upon us in mercy, and, for the sake of Jesus Christ Thy Son, manifest Thyself graciously present with us and impart unto us those influences, which we need to approach Thee in a becoming and acceptable manner.

We are sinners by nature, having come into this world with corrupt hearts, which incline

us to evil continually. Our daily conduct also corresponds with our evil inclinations. We leave undone the things which we ought to do, and do the things which we ought not to do, and there is no spiritual health in us. Wert Thou to deal with us as our sins deserve, we could not stand before Thee; but must sink beneath the inflictions of Thine indignation and wrath, into everlasting woe and despair.

We rejoice to know, however, that, although such is our undone condition in and of ourselves, yet there is hope even for such guilty sinners as we are. Thou didst lay help upon one, who is able and mighty to save all who come unto Thee through Him. In Jesus Christ, Thy Son, there is plenteous redemption. We praise Thee for the rich provision Thou hast made in Him for the salvation of our souls; and pray, that Thou wouldst, for His sake, blot out all our transgressions, and love us freely, and do us good. Lift upon us the light of Thy life-giving and reconciled countenance, and impart unto us that joy and blessedness, which those experience, whose transgressions are forgiven and whose sins are covered.

Be pleased, O Lord, graciously to look upon us, at this time, as a band of worshipers. May

the short season we spend together in our present capacity, be both pleasant and profitable to our souls, as well as redound to the glory of Thy great and excellent name. To this end we pray Thee, to preside over all the exercises in which we shall engage, and cause them to be, in all respects, such as shall be pleasing to Thee. Grant unto us both collectively and individually the several blessings our circumstances render necessary for us. Are we Thy children by profession? May we prove ourselves, by our walk and conversation, to be such in truth and in deed. For this purpose, do Thou impart unto us largely of the influences of Thy divine grace, so that we may be thoroughly furnished unto every good word and work. Oh that the Holy Ghost may constantly take up His abode with us, and rule in our hearts and over our lives. Are any of us still the children of wrath? Do Thou bring us to immediate repentance, and conduct us to the Lamb of God, who taketh away the sins of the world.

Bless the several families to which we respectively belong. May they all be families formed for Thine own praise; fearing Thee and following after righteousness and peace. Grant that the individual members thereof may all be

members of that great family, of whom Christ Jesus is the Head, and whose privilege it shall be to dwell with Him for ever in heaven. Look in great mercy upon the congregation with which we are connected. Revive Thy work in the hearts of its members, and add unto their number daily of such as shall be saved. May he, who labors amongst us in holy things, be a man after Thine own heart, full of the Holy Ghost, constantly going in and out before us, and faithfully breaking unto us the bread of life. Crown his labors with the most abundant success.

Bless Thy Church universal. Greatly lengthen her cords and strengthen her stakes. Multiply her ministers, as well as her membership, and may all be found true to their relations and obligations. Hasten the coming of Thy kingdom. Bring to naught the works of darkness, and cause righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost speedily everywhere to abound.

Grant us, O Lord, these our feeble requests; and the glory shall be Thine, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, in a world without end.

Our Father, &c.

SOCIAL MEETING.

Close.

THOU hast been pleased, O Lord, to favor us, at this time, with the privilege of meeting together in a social capacity, and of engaging, for a short season, in exercises of religious worship. We thank Thee for this fresh token of Thy favor, and pray Thee to follow with Thy blessing the services in which we have been engaged, so far as they have been in accordance with Thy will. Oh that we may all be the better, the happier, and the wiser, in consequence of the influences which have been brought to bear upon us at this time! Hast Thou seen any thing amiss in us? We pray Thee in mercy to forgive. We know that imperfection and sin mingle with our very best attempts to serve Thee. Lay not, O Lord, our short-comings to our charge, nor suffer our sins to prove our ruin.

When we retire from this place, accompany us with Thy presence and blessing into the busy scenes of this world. May we carry with us into all our pursuits, a sense of our obligations to Thee, and prosecute our various callings with a direct reference to Thy righteous and holy will. Give us success in all our lawful

undertakings, and keep us from everything offensive to Thee. May Thy love be shed abroad in our hearts by the power of the Holy Ghost, and we be enabled ever to exemplify in our life and conduct, the holy principles of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Do Thou thus use us, severally, as instruments in Thy hands for the accomplishment of some good in our day and generation.

Should we ever be permitted to meet again for social prayer, may we find Thee to be graciously present with us still, and that for the purpose of blessing us, and doing us good. Oh that we may all derive special pleasure from the services in which we thus engage, and find them to be highly profitable to our souls. Grant that Thy people everywhere, may esteem it a great privilege to meet often together, for the purpose of communing with Thee and with each other. May they find themselves thus greatly refreshed, and quickened in the ways of holy obedience.

Hear us, O Lord, in these our prayers. Forgive us our sins. Bless our souls. And when Thou hast subserved Thy wise and holy purposes with respect to us here below, bring us safely home to Thyself in glory, through riches of grace in Christ Jesus our Redeemer. AMEN.

SOCIAL MEETING.

Opening.

Eternal and unchangeable Jehovah! we appear before Thee at this time as a band of worshipers, and desire to present to Thee our united sacrifice of prayer, and praise, and thanksgiving. Condescend to visit us in mercy, and manifest in our midst, that special presence of Thine, which Thou hast promised, where two or three are met together in Thy name. We acknowledge ourselves to be unworthy of the least of all Thy mercies, much less of so great a privilege as that of access to Thee. But we come to Thee, not in our name, but in the name of Jesus Christ Thy Son, who is worthy; and we pray Thee to look upon us in Him, and for His sake, to grant us a gracious acceptance.

Our wants are many and great; but Thou canst supply them all out of Thine inexhaustible fulness. Help us at all times, to spread them before Thee, and especially when assembled in a capacity like the present. Our sins are many and highly aggravated, and might justly incur for us Thy sore displeasure. But we rejoice to know, that there is forgiveness with Thee, that Thou mayest be feared, yea,

plenteous redemption in Jesus Christ Thy Son. In ourselves also, we are wholly incapable of doing anything that is truly good. Thou, however, hast declared Thy grace to be sufficient for us, and promised to perfect Thy strength in our weakness. May we realize the fulfilment of this declaration and promise in our happy experience. Manifest Thyself graciously present with us at all times, granting unto us the full and free remission of all our sins, and qualifying us for the faithful and successful discharge of all the duties incumbent upon us.

We thank Thee for the numberless blessings and privileges we enjoy. Thou art providing for all our temporal wants as they return. We have food to eat and raiment to put on, and are furnished with comfortable places of abode. Yea, we have all that is essential to the support and comfort of our bodies. With these temporal mercies, Thou art pleased also to add the blessings and privileges of Thy grace. We have Thy word in our possession to read and examine for ourselves, and are furnished with various helps to arrive at a proper knowledge of its sacred contents. Thy throne of grace is at all times accessible to us, and every encouragement is afforded us frequently to present ourselves

before it. Thou art also favoring us with the privileges of social worship. Thou hast given unto us the living ministry, and dost grant us Thy Sabbaths, with the ordinances of Thy house, and all the blessings and privileges, which are peculiar to Thy Sabbaths in a Christian land. We praise Thee for all the mercies, both temporal and spiritual, Thou art thus pleased to bestow upon us, and pray for grace and strength to appreciate them as we ought, and to improve them to the purpose for which they have been given.

Bless us, at this time, both collectively and individually. Pour out upon us largely of the graces of Thy Holy Spirit. May we all be made Thy children, and constituted heirs of heaven. Help us to walk worthy of our high and holy vocation, so that we may glorify Thee, our Father, and our God, in our bodies and with our spirits, which are Thine. Look in mercy upon the congregation from which we are gathered together. Grant unto it peace and prosperity. May its pastor be found faithful to his important trust, and prove instrumental in Thy hands in accomplishing much good. May Thy children be built up in their most holy faith, and sinners converted unto Thee.

Greatly prosper Thy Church every where. Multiply converts to the faith of Thy Son. Largely increase the number of ministers of the Gospel. Qualify them for their work, and make them successful in it. Let Thy kingdom speedily come, and Thy will be done on earth as in heaven.

Be with us, whilst we shall continue together in our present capacity. Preside over all the exercises in which we shall engage, and overrule them for the good of our souls, and the glory of Thy name. We ask all in the name, and for the sake of Him, who hath taught us, when addressing Thee, to say,

Our Father, &c.

SOCIAL MEETING.

Close.

Our Father, who art in heaven! we praise Thee, that Thou hast made us rational and intelligent creatures, capable of knowing, and loving, and serving Thee, the living and true God; and hast placed us in circumstances highly favorable to the development of these holy and heavenly principles of our nature. We would especially thank Thee for the privi-

lege we have enjoyed of meeting together at this time to worship Thee. May the exercises in which we have been engaged, be greatly profitable to our souls. Grant that the impressions we have received, may all be deepened, and result in bringing forth permanent fruit in our lives.

We are Thy professed children. May we be such in truth and in deed, and walk, in all respects, worthy of our high and holy vocation. We know that, in and of ourselves, we are incapable of doing anything, that is truly good. All our hope is in Thee and all our help must come from Thee. Do Thou, therefore, manifest Thyself present with us at all times, guiding us in all our ways, and strengthening us for the faithful performance of every duty. May we steadfastly resist every temptation to evil, and cleave only to that which is pleasing to Thee. May the influence we exert be ever such as shall tell favorably upon the interests of all with whom we have to do, and redound greatly to the glory of Thy high and exalted name.

Grant that all, in every place, who profess to be Thine, may be true to their relations and obligations. May they ever regard themselves as not their own, but as belonging to their faith-

ful Saviour Jesus Christ, and glorify Thee, both with their bodies and spirits, which are Thine. May the number of Thy faithful followers be greatly multiplied. To this end do Thou convert sinners from the error of their ways, to the service of Thee, the living and true God. Bless all the instrumentalities Thou art pleased to employ for this purpose, and succeed them in the end, whereunto they are sent. Hasten thus the coming of Thy kingdom and fill the whole earth with Thy glory.

Hear us, at this time, in our prayers. Forgive whatsoever Thou mayest have seen amiss in our attempts to serve Thee. Let Thy blessing attend us throughout the whole journey of life, and at last, when we are done serving Thee on earth, permit us to enter into the joys of heaven through riches of grace in Christ Jesus our Lord. AMEN.

MONTHLY CONCERT FOR MISSIONS.

Opening.

Through Thy good providence over us, O Lord, have we been permitted to assemble at this time, for the purpose of imploring Thy mercy and supplicating Thy favor upon a perishing world. May we be duly sensible of the nature of the circumstances in which we are thus placed, and enabled to present before Thee a sacrifice, which shall be acceptable in Thy sight through Jesus Christ our Lord, our Strength, and our Redeemer.

We desire to acknowledge Thee as the Father of all flesh, who hast made of one blood all the nations of men to dwell on the face of all the earth; and hast fixed the bounds of their habitation. Thou upholdest all in being; providest for their wants; causest Thy sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendest rain on the just and on the unjust. We rejoice, O our Father, and thank Thee for Thy goodness to all men. We praise Thee that Thou hast had mercy on the human family, and hast provided a plan of salvation, adapted to the wants of all mankind. Especially would we thank Thee, that we are permitted to rejoice in the

blessings of this salvation, and we pray that we may feel properly concerned for the interests of those, who are still deprived of the privileges we thus enjoy. Thou hast promised, in relation to the spread and final triumph of the Gospel of Thy dear Son, that the heathen shall be given to Him for His inheritance and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession; and that the desert shall bud and blossom as the rose, and the wilderness and solitary place shall be glad. We rejoice in view of these promises, and would take encouragement from them to labor and pray for the coming of Thy kingdom.

Look down in mercy upon us and on all who have at this time assembled to supplicate Thy blessing on a fallen world. Impart to us and all Thy people a spirit of grace and supplication. May all approach Thy throne with humble hearts; with true faith; and with earnest desires, that Thy kingdom may come and Thy will be done on earth as in heaven. May we feel that we are pleading for the salvation of a dying world; and give Thee no rest until the righteousness of Zion go forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burneth. Do Thou graciously hear and answer our supplications.

Look in mercy upon a ruined world. Pity the nations that are sitting in the region and shadow of death; and may the Sun of righteousness arise upon them with healing in his beams. May the dark places of the earth, now full of the habitations of cruelty, become the dwelling-place of righteousness, and the abodes of peace. May the ignorant be enlightened; the wretched comforted, and the oppressed go free. May the glorious Gospel shed its blessings on all the nations of the earth; and all the means now used to advance the glory of the latter day, be crowned with success.

Be with those, O most merciful Father, who have gone to other lands, to make known the unsearchable riches of Christ. Impart unto them much of the Spirit of Thy dear Son. Give them wisdom to direct them; grace to support them in all their trials, and success in all their efforts. Make them burning and shining lights among the nations. May they be kept from sin and temptation; from despondency and doubt; from persecution and want. In all their trials, may they stay themselves on Thee, and ever have an unshaken confidence in the promises of Thy holy word. Keep, by Thy mighty power, all who among the heathen

have been converted to the Christian faith. Preserve them from temptation and apostacy. Afford them light and strength as they need, and amid all the trials with which they may meet, may they find Thee to be a present help, a refuge, and a strength. May they see more and more of the beauty of that religion which they profess, and daily rejoice more and more in hope of the glory of God.

Remember, in much mercy, the destitute in our own land. Send them the living ministry, with all the blessings of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. May Thy work greatly prosper amongst them; and the voice of praise and thanksgiving be continually heard in all their dwellings. Infuse into all Thy people a proper missionary spirit, so that they may deeply sympathize with the destitute and the perishing, and cheerfully contribute of their substance, and labor by every other means in their power, to extend the blessings of salvation unto all who are destitute of them. Multiply missionaries of the cross of Christ. Qualify them for their work; send them forth into every portion of Thy moral vineyard, and give them success in all their labors of love.

We beseech Thee also, to advance all the

great interests of man. May the blessings of civil and religious freedom, of Christian education, and of peace, be everywhere enjoyed. May wars and rumors of wars cease. May the sword be beat into a ploughshare, and the spear into a pruning hook, and nations learn war no more. Let the mild and peaceful principles of Thy glorious Gospel everywhere prevail, and the ends of the earth be soon filled with Thy glory.

Graciously hear us, at this time, in our supplications. Remit unto us all our sins. Preside over the exercises in which we shall still further be engaged; and overrule all for the good of our souls, the interests of Thy kingdom and the glory of Thy name; and thine shall be all the praise, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, both now and in a world without end. AMEN.

MONTHLY CONCERT FOR MISSIONS.

Close.

OUR Father, who art in heaven, we approach Thee once more at the close of our present religious services, and would thank Thee for all Thy mercies and invoke Thy divine blessing on us and on all mankind. We would especially praise Thee that we have been born in a Chris-

tian land, and that we are still favored with the privileges of Thy Gospel, notwithstanding we have failed to appreciate and improve them as we ought to have done. Millions of our fellow beings also, are at this time sitting in the region and shadow of death. On them no light has arisen, and none have gone to break to them the bread of eternal life. Make us sensible of Thy distinguishing mercy to us. May we remember, that where much is given, much will be required; and that soon we must appear at Thy bar, with an assembled world, to render an account for the improvement of all our privileges. And whilst we are duly careful of our own mercies, may we be properly concerned to extend the blessings of Thy grace and salvation unto all who are destitute of them.

Be pleased to hear the prayers which have at this time been offered in behalf of Thy Zion. Grant an answer to the desires and supplications of Thy people. Send out Thy light and Thy truth into the world, and let all nations be blessed with the Gospel of Thy grace. We commend to Thee Thine own cause. Look in mercy upon every portion of mankind. May Thy people be more deeply impressed with the

wants and woes of their fellow-beings. May they more and more deny themselves; feel more deeply afflicted in view of all the miseries and crimes of our race, and be more earnestly desirous that all nations should hear Thy Gospel.

We commend to Thy care all Missionary, Tract, Bible, and Education Societies, and all the institutions of benevolence in our land and throughout the world. May those, who are called, in Thy Providence, to direct the charities of Thy people, and to preside in the institutions of benevolence, be endowed with true wisdom, with conscientiousness, with a spirit of prayer, and with deep and expansive benevolence. May they ever feel their responsibility, and in all their deliberations be conducted to such results, as shall be for the glory of Thy name, and for the speedy and universal extension of the Gospel among the nations of the earth. We pray that true religion may be every where revived. We beseech Thee to send forth more laborers into the harvest. May all our schools and colleges be under Thy fostering care, and may the young men of this land, and this generation, be imbued with the spirit of self-denial, and with a readiness to obey Thy call in diffusing the blessings of civilization

and Christianity among all men. May every continent and island partake of Thy blessing, and every nation and tribe speedily hear in their own language, the wonderful works of God. Let Thy holy word be translated into all the languages of the earth, and every habitation of man be soon blessed with the inestimable treasure of life.

Our prayers, O Lord, are before Thee. Hear Thou us in mercy, and answer us in peace; and do unto us, as well as unto all for whom we should pray, as Thou seest we severally need, and at last, when Thou hast subserved Thy wise and holy purposes with us here below, admit us all into Thy kingdom above, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. AMEN.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONCERT, OR TEACHERS' MEETING.

Opening.

O Lord, our God! Thou art infinitely great and infinitely good. Thy glory is above all our thoughts, and Thy mercies are over all Thy works. We have assembled at this time, for the purpose of commending to Thee, a cause, whose interests lie near our hearts, and intimately involve the welfare of souls and the

glory of Thy name. We thank Thee, that Thou hast caused Sunday-schools to be established, in which the young are taught the things which relate to the interests of Thy kingdom and the salvation of their souls; and we humbly implore Thy blessing upon all, who are engaged in them either as teachers or as learners.

Enlighten by Thy Holy Spirit those who are teachers, that they may truly understand Thy word. Make them the true friends of Jesus Christ. May they be endowed with His spirit of self-denial, patience, humility, and prayer. May they evermore copy the example of Him, who, when on earth, said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto Me. While they are engaged in instructing the rising generation, in leading others to the cross of Christ, may they themselves be interested in Thy promises, and sanctified by all their efforts to promote Thy glory. And grant, O gracious God, that their labors may be attended with Thy blessing.

Do Thou send down Thy Spirit on all Sunday-schools, that the rising generation may grow up in the knowledge of Jesus Christ, and in preparation for great usefulness in the

Church, and in the State. May Schools be established in all destitute places of our land; and all the means used to enlarge and perpetuate these blessings be crowned with success. Never suffer the zeal of Thy people to languish in this cause, or Thy ministers to forget their obligations to use every influence in their power, to promote the religious training of the rising generation. Hear and answer the prayers which have been, or still may be, offered in behalf of Sunday-schools, by those who feel interested in their prosperity. Excite in all Thy people a spirit of benevolence, and fill the whole earth with Thy glory.

Manifest Thyself graciously present with us, whilst we continue together in our present capacity. Preside over the exercises in which we shall be engaged. May they all be of such a character, as shall best subserve the object of our coming together. May we all be stirred up to increased zeal and activity in the particular cause in which we are engaged. Bless the School [Schools] whose interests are now especially represented in this assembly. May all the teachers prove faithful to their responsible trust; and may those committed to their care, greatly profit by the instructions they receive.

Thus may our School [Schools] be instrumental in accomplishing much good; and all who are connected with it [them] either as teachers or scholars, be fitted for serving Thee faithfully in their day and generation, and permitted at last to sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.

We ask these mercies and blessings in the name and for the sake of Him, who taught us, when addressing Thee, to say,

Our Father, &c.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL CONCERT OR TEACHERS' MEETING.

Close.

Once more, O Lord, would we draw near to Thee, and present before Thee our supplication and prayer. Look upon us in mercy, and for the sake of Jesus Christ Thy Son, confer upon us the blessings we crave in accordance with Thy will.

We thank Thee for the privilege we have enjoyed of meeting together at the present time, and engaging in the services which have occupied our attention. Follow with Thy blessing all that Thou canst approve, and forgive whatsoever Thou hast seen amiss. Look with spe-

cial favor upon the cause of Sunday-schools. May the instruction imparted in these Schools, so far as it accords with Thy word, be accompanied by the influences of Thy Holy Spirit, so that it may be deeply impressed on the heart, and produce abundant fruit in the life. Give grace to those, who are teachers, that they may be deeply impressed with their responsibility. Grant that they themselves may be Thy children, and engage in their work with an earnest desire to benefit those entrusted to their charge. May their minds be enlightened, that they may understand Thy word. May they see clearly the great plan of redeeming mercy. May they be enabled to present Thy truth simply, clearly, with affection and with prayer. May the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, be given them, to guide them into all truth.

And be pleased, O Lord, to bless all the children in Sunday-schools. Preside over them, and guide them by Thy Holy Spirit. Grant to them teachable minds. May they learn the paths of wisdom, and delight in instruction. May their hearts be given to their Saviour in their early years. May they come unto Him, who, when on earth, said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not to come unto Me; for of

such is the kingdom of heaven. Take, O blessed Saviour, those lambs of the flock into Thine arms, and guide them by Thine unerring counsel. Defend them from the perils and temptations of life; and conduct them to the joys of thine everlasting kingdom.

Bless especially the children of the School [Schools] represented in this assembly. May they be trained up in the knowledge of Thy name; and may the instruction imparted to them in accordance with Thy word, be attended with Thy blessing, and be the means of fitting them for the duties of this life, and for dwelling with Thee at last forever in heaven.

These mercies, O Lord, and everything else Thou seest to be needful for us, or for the cause more especially remembered before Thee at this time, we humbly ask in the name of Thy Son, Jesus Christ, our most gracious Lord and Redeemer. AMEN.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Opening.

Through Thy good providence over us, O Lord, have we been permitted to assemble at this time as a Sunday-school. We thank Thee for the privilege we thus enjoy; and pray for grace and strength to appreciate it aright and to improve it to the purpose for which it has been given. Of ourselves we are insufficient for the right performance of any duty. It is in Thy strength only that we can do all things. Oh that Thou wouldst, therefore, look upon us in mercy, and for the sake of Jesus Christ Thy Son, impart unto us the influences we severally need.

May those of us, who are teachers in this Sunday-school, possess the spirit of our stations and be enabled to discharge our duties faithfully in Thy fear. May we realize our responsibility, and labor as those who know that they must give an account. Grant that we ourselves may properly apprehend the truths of the Gospel, and be personally interested in its great salvation, so that we may successfully recommend them to others. Especially may he, to whom the management of this School is more

particularly entrusted, receive that wisdom from above, which is profitable to direct. And may our united efforts be owned and blessed unto the end whereunto they are sent.

Look, in great mercy, upon the children gathered into this Sunday-school. May their souls be precious in Thy sight. Open their hearts for the reception of thy truth. May they realize, that they have never-dying souls to save, and be enabled to remember Thee, their Creator, in the days of their youth. Oh that they may early betake themselves to that Saviour, who only can save them from their sins. Do Thou shield them against the various unhallowed influences to which they are exposed. And may the instruction imparted to them in the Sunday-school, sink deep into their hearts, and bring forth appropriate fruit in their lives. Bless the families from which they have gathered together. May they all be families fearing Thee, and following after righteousness and peace.

Look favorably upon the whole Sunday-school cause. Establish Schools in every place, where they do not already exist; and may they, through Thy blessing, be instrumental in accomplishing much good.

Hear us, O Lord, at this time in our prayers. Fully and freely remit unto us all our sins. And grant that we may all so conduct ourselves, in the midst of our mercies and privileges, that, at last, we shall be able to render our account unto Thee with joy and not with grief; and all we ask is in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Redeemer, to whom with Thee, the Father, and the Holy Spirit be ascribed present and eternal praises. AMEN.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

Close.

Almighty and most merciful God! at the close of the exercises of our School, we would once more draw near unto Thee in prayer, in the name of Jesus Christ Thy Son. Look upon us with favor, and command upon us the blessings we need, and which Thou and Thou only hast to bestow.

We thank Thee for the privilege of meeting together once more as a Sunday-school, and attending to the exercises which devolve upon us in this capacity. Follow with Thy blessing, the instruction imparted this day in this and every other Sunday-school. May the truths

of Thy holy word be deeply impressed on the minds of the children, and may they grow up in the knowledge and love of Jesus Christ the Saviour. May those truths so influence their minds and hearts, as to guide and comfort them in all the journey of life. Grant, O Lord, that as they advance in years, they may evince the benefits of the instruction received in the Sunday-school; and that this generation may be trained up devoted to Thy cause, and prepared to promote Thy glory, when their parents and teachers shall have descended to the tomb.

Be pleased also graciously to bless the teachers in this and every other Sunday-school. Let their hearts be comforted by seeing the work of the Lord prospering in their hands. In their own souls, may they experience the reward of their self-denials and toils; and in thine everlasting kingdom may they at last be admitted to a seat at Thy right hand, with thousands saved by the instrumentality of Sunday-schools.

Dismiss us with Thy blessing. Forgive whatsoever Thou hast seen amiss in us, whether as teachers or scholars; and may we so conduct ourselves in our journey through life, that at last, when our Sunday mercies and privi-

leges on earth shall end, we may be permitted to spend an eternal Sabbath of blessedness with Thee in heaven, through riches of grace in Christ Jesus our Redeemer. AMEN.

WEEK DAY SCHOOL.

Opening.

Almighty God! who hast made all things by Thy power, and by whose word they are and were created; we desire to humble ourselves before Thee for all our sins; and to pray that we may be saved by His merits, who came to seek and to save those who are lost. Bless us each one as we severally need. Do good to our friends and benefactors. May we forgive all those, who have wronged us, as we need and hope for Thy forgiveness, whom we have so greatly provoked and injured.

Look with special favor upon those now before Thee, who are still in the morning of life, that season so favorable for religious impression. May they have a deep sense of the worth of their souls, and of the importance of Thy favor. Make them early acquainted with the ways of Christ. May they love their blessed Redeemer, and gratefully devote themselves to His service.

Sanctify to them the instruction which they here receive, and whilst their minds become expanded with knowledge, may their hearts be filled with Thy grace.

May they duly honor their parents; be respectful to their superiors, and kind to one another. Possess them with a spirit of meekness and humility, of truth and faithfulness. May they buy the truth and sell it not. Help them to consider in what slippery paths their feet stand, and to keep in view that solemn account, which they must render to Thee of the deeds done in the body.

Impress the hearts of us all with grateful sentiments for the manifold expressions of divine goodness to us. May we especially feel thankful to Thee for the light of this morning, and for the ease and comfort we enjoy. Give us this day our daily bread. Order all our circumstances in mercy. Prepare us for the solemnities of death. And when heart and flesh shall fail, will God then be the strength of our hearts and our portion forever; and all the glory shall be to the Eternal God, Father, Son and Holy Ghost, world without end. AMEN.

WEEK DAY SCHOOL.

Close.

Our Father, who art in heaven! we, Thy children, desire to draw near unto Thee, and to worship before the Lord our Maker. Thou hast created us, and in Thy sovereign goodness, hast made us wiser than the beasts of the field, or the fowls of the air; and hast given us minds capable of knowing, loving, and enjoying Thee, whose favor is life. To Thee are we indebted for all we possess, and to Thee would we desire to make those returns of gratitude and obedience, which are justly Thy due.

Look upon us at this time with special favor, and grant us the blessings we need. Mercifully regard the youth, who attend here for purposes of instruction. May they, in this important part of their existence, attain to that knowledge, and acquire those principles of conduct, which shall render them blessings to their friends and society, and ornaments to religion. Bless the families of which they are severally members; and may they who are entrusted with their education, feel the importance of bringing them up in the way in which they should go, that when they are old, they may not depart from

it. Early possess their hearts by Thy heavenly grace. May they be sober, just, holy, and temperate in all things. May they be obedient to their parents, and return with grateful love, the kindness of those, who have supported and protected them in past days. Lead them not into temptation, but deliver them from evil. May they seek the Lord while He is to be found, and call upon Him while He is near.

Bless our fellow-men, whom Thou hast taught us to love. Bless the land in which we dwell, and make this the glory of all lands. May the rising generation be a seed to serve Thee. Forgive the sins which any of us have committed against Thee this day. Make us all Thy children. Fit us to serve Thee here and to enjoy Thee forever.

These things we humbly crave, through the infinite merits of the divine Redeemer, to whom, with the Father of mercies, and the Spirit of truth, be rendered all honor, glory, and praise, world without end. AMEN.

PRAYERS FOR CATECHUMENS.

BEFORE CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION.

O Lord my God! I thank Thee, that Thou hast created me a rational and intelligent creature, capable of knowing, loving, serving, and enjoying Thee, the living and true God. Especially would I praise Thee, that Thou hast placed me in circumstances so favorable to the development of the high, holy, and heavenly principles of my nature. I humbly beseech Thee, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, to look upon me in mercy, and to grant me grace to appreciate all my privileges aright, and to improve them to the purposes for which they have been given.

As Thou hast especially favored me abundantly with the means of instruction, in things that concern my soul's eternal peace, may I profit greatly by them. To this end, I entreat Thee, to look with special favor upon him, who is called to be my instructor in spiritual things.

Give him that wisdom from above which is profitable to direct. May he have enlarged views of divine truth, and be enabled to communicate them clearly and forcibly to others. May he especially feel deeply interested in the welfare of the youth committed to his charge, and labor diligently for the salvation of their souls! Let the influences of the Holy Ghost accompany all the instruction imparted in accordance with Thy will, and make it productive of much good.

Help me to listen attentively to all that is said; and may I carefully treasure it up in my heart, and permit it to bring forth fruit in my life! May I be led by Thy grace to see and to feel my exceeding sinfulness before Thee, and my consequent helplessness and misery! At the same time, do Thou conduct me to the Lord Jesus Christ, as the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world, and help me to receive and trust in Him as my only Saviour. Thus, may I be fitted for Thy service on earth, and be prepared for having administered unto me, at last, an abundant entrance into Thine everlasting kingdom, through Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. AMEN.

AFTER CATECHETICAL INSTRUCTION.

Father of mercies, and God of all consolation and grace, to Thee would I once more lift up my heart, in humble supplication and prayer. Do Thou look on me with favor, and, for the sake of Jesus Christ, impart to me the blessings I need and which Thou, and Thou only hast to bestow! I am a poor, sinful worm of the dust. My heart, by nature, is exceedingly corrupt, so that I am inclined to evil continually. If left to myself, I shall ever go astray from Thee, the living and true God, and involve myself in all the fearful consequences of sin and transgression. Have Thou mercy on me, and lead me, by repentance and faith, to the Lord Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world!

To this end especially, I pray Thee, to bless the means of instruction with which Thou hast favored me. May the teachings of Thy holy word, which I have this day heard from the mouth of Thy servant, make a deep and lasting impression on my heart, and bring forth the peaceable fruits of righteousness in my life! Especially may Thy Holy Spirit take of the things of Christ, and show them unto me, that so my heart and affections may become entirely

weaned from this world, and set wholly on Thee and divine things. Do Thou not only incline me to profess Christ before men, but also enable me to make such profession honestly and intelligently, so that, by Thy grace, I may ever thereafter walk worthy of my high and holy vocation. I ask these mercies in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ Thy Son. AMEN.

BEFORE CONFIRMATION OR PUBLIC PROFESSION OF FAITH.

In fervent supplication and prayer would I, O Lord, humbly draw near to Thee at this time. I am placed in circumstances of special interest and solemnity. Thou hast been pleased to favor me with the means of instruction in spiritual and divine things; and through the influence thereof, accompanied by the operations of the Holy Ghost, I trust I have been brought to see my lost and ruined condition as a sinner before Thee, and led to embrace, with a believing and penitent heart, the rich provisions of salvation furnished in and through the gift of Thine own Son. I would praise Thee with my whole heart for all that Thou hast done for me.

And now, as I am about publicly to profess my faith in Jesus Christ, and thus to take on me my covenant vows and engagements to be forever Thine, and to unite with Thy people in observing the Saviour's dying command, may I be fitted for the solemn work before me. I feel that, in and of myself, I am wholly unequal to what is required at my hands; but my hope, as well as my help, is in Thee. Do Thou, therefore, for the sake of Jesus Christ my Lord, impart to me the influences I need.

Help me, humbly, penitently, and believingly to approach Thine altar, and there sincerely and devoutly to take on me my solemn vows; and when I appear at the table of my dying Lord, may I sensibly realize His presence, and be enabled to feed by faith upon His crucified body and shed blood. Oh that this solemn season may prove indeed a feast of fat things to my soul! And, when I shall have come down from this mount of privileges, help me ever so to live and act, that, when the course of this present life shall have been run, I may be privileged to spend an eternity of blessedness with Thee, in heaven, through Jesus Christ my Lord. AMEN.

AFTER CONFIRMATION OR PUBLIC PROFESSION OF FAITH.

Almighty and most merciful God, I once more prostrate myself before Thy throne of grace, and humbly supplicate Thy favor and love. I have been permitted to enroll myself among the followers of the Lamb. My vows have been laid at Thine altar [and the transaction has been sealed over the emblems of the Saviour's broken body and shed blood]. No longer am I my own; but I belong to my faithful Saviour, Jesus Christ. I thank Thee for the high and holy privilege thus conferred on me; and would rejoice still further in anticipation of the unknown joys, which await Thy children in the world to come.

Help me, O Lord, to prove faithful to my covenant vows and engagements. Many are the temptations and dangers, to which I am continually exposed; and such is my weakness, that I am wholly insufficient of myself to pass through them without being overwhelmed. But Thou hast promised, that Thy grace shall be sufficient for me, and Thy strength perfected in my weakness. Verify Thy promise in a blessed experience! Have me at all times in

Thy holy care and keeping. Mark out plainly before me the path of duty, and help me to walk steadfastly therein, turning neither to the right nor to the left.

May it be my constant aim, as well as my highest delight, to seek the temporal as well as the eternal interests of my fellow-men; and may I cheerfully use, for this purpose, all the gifts, with which Thou shalt be pleased to intrust me. Impart to me largely of the influences of the Holy Ghost, so that I may be guided in the way of all truth, and at all times share abundantly the consolations of Thy grace. Guard me against every species of sin and transgression, and help me to go up through this wilderness-world, leaning on Jesus as the beloved of my soul, so that, when the conflicts of this life shall end, I may rejoice in the victory which Thou givest to Thy children, through Jesus Christ my Lord. AMEN.

MISCELLANEOUS PETITIONS.*

For Direction in any important Concern.

O Thou God of wisdom and love! we desire to acknowledge Thee in all our ways. Be pleased, according to Thine own word of promise, to direct our paths, at all times, and especially in the important matter now claiming our attention. Show us the way in which we should go, and help us to pursue such measures, as shall be most for our comfort and usefulness, and for the glory of Thy name. Prosper us, we entreat Thee, in our undertaking, and give us the satisfaction to find that we have done what was right. Let integrity and uprightness ever preserve us; for we wait on Thee.

* The paragraphs under this head, may be either used separately, or added to the regular prayers, at some suitable place, such as is indicated by * *.

For a Young Person going from Home, with a View to obtain an Education, or prepare for Business.

We acknowledge Thy Providence, O God, in all that concerns the welfare of our family, and would now commit to Thy care, the young person about to leave it, in order to prepare for his future employment in life. We pray Thee graciously to direct his steps. Let Thy wisdom be his guide, and Thy power his defence. Keep him from all the temptations to which his situation may expose him. Give him favor with those, among whom he shall reside, and make him faithful to the trust that shall be reposed in him. May he be diligent in business, and, at the same time, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. Keep him from the snares of evil company, and from the influence of all youthful lusts. Fit him for an honorable and useful station in life, and make him a blessing to the world and to the Church. In all his gettings, may he get understanding, and secure that better part, which shall not be taken away from him.

For One going or gone on a Journey.

To Thy care and blessing, O God! we commit the *member* of this family, who *is* about to go [*has gone*] a journey. Graciously be pleased to keep *him* from all the evils of the way. Grant *him* a comfortable interview with friends, and success in the particular object of the journey; and return *him* to *his* home in health and safety. Preserve us all going out and coming in, from this time forth and forever; and especially keep us from sin.

For One expecting the Time of Travail.

We humbly entreat Thy favorable regard towards Thy hand-maid expecting the hour of nature's sorrow. Be pleased to carry her safely to and through it. Help her to trust in Thee, and do Thou manifest Thy delivering mercy, so as to give us renewed occasion to rejoice in Thee as the God of salvation, to whom belong the issues from death. May every addition to this family be made in mercy, and do Thou give us a name better than that of sons and daughters.

For Rain in Time of Drought.

We confess, O Lord, that we have abused Thy goodness to us, so as richly to deserve, that Thou shouldst cause the heavens over us to be as brass, and the earth under us as iron; but we pray that Thou wouldst have mercy upon us in Jesus Christ Thy Son, and save us from the calamities, with which we are threatened. Do Thou open the windows of heaven, and cause the rain to come down in its season; making grass to grow for the cattle, and herbs and fruits of the earth for the service of men. And howsoever Thou shalt be pleased to deal with us, keep us from murmuring or repining at Thy providences. May all things be found to work together for our good.

For Fair Weather in Time of excessive Rain.

We pray Thee, O Father of mercies! to put a stop to the calamity that threatens destruction to the works of Thy hands; that the rain, which is Thy blessing, may not be turned into a curse, nor descend from heaven to corrupt and spoil the fruits of the earth. Cause the overflowing showers to cease, which dampen the

joy of harvest, and endanger the blasting of Thy blessings. May the products of the earth be preserved to satisfy the wants of Thy creatures.

Thanksgiving for Deliverance from imminent Danger.

O Thou kind Shepherd of Israel! unto Thee we tender our unfeigned thanksgiving for the seasonable deliverance Thou hast wrought out for *a member* of this family, in time of imminent danger. In Thy hand our breath is, and Thine are all our ways. Thou keepest our eyes from tears, our feet from falling, and our souls from death. Help us ever to put our trust in Thee, and to consecrate the lives, which Thou hast preserved, to Thy service and honor.

Thanksgiving for a Safe Return from a Journey.

Praised be Thy goodness, O Thou God of our lives! for the protection Thou hast afforded to *a member* of this family amidst the dangers of a journey. Make us duly sensible of our obligations to Thy providential care; and do Thou continue to watch over us at home or abroad.

Grant that while we live, and move, and have our being in Thee, we may live to Thy praise. Preserve us in the great journey of life, and bring us safe to our eternal home.

Thanksgiving for Rain after a Drought.

We praise Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast not left Thyself without a witness; but art continually doing good, even to the unthankful and unworthy. Thou givest them rain from heaven and fruitful seasons, and fillest their hearts with joy and gladness. Thou mightest justly have caused the heavens over us to be as brass, and the earth under us as iron. We have richly deserved even so great a calamity, and Thy power, without a miracle, could easily have inflicted it. But though Thou hast tried our patience, and awakened our fears; yet Thou hast not forgotten to be gracious. We praise Thee for sending us seasonable and plentiful rain, by which Thou hast refreshed and revived the drooping fields, so that the earth promises to yield her increase.

Thanksgiving for Return of Fair Weather.

Thou, O Lord, art good, and doest good. Thou hast again surpassed our deserts, and done better to us than our fears. Thou causest the clear shining after the rain, and savest us from the fearful desolations, with which we were threatened. Thou providest for man and beast. May we feel our entire dependence on Thee; and by prayer and praise give unto Thee the glory that is due unto Thy holy name.

Thanksgiving for a Good Harvest.

Again, O Lord, hast Thou crowned the year with Thy goodness. The earth has brought forth plentifully, for the supply of the constantly returning wants, both of man and beast. Its products also have been safely garnered for future use. We gratefully recognize in these events, Thy faithfulness and truth in the promise, that, while the earth remaineth, seed time and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease. May we learn to trust Thee in all Thy engagements, and show ourselves properly thankful for all Thy mercies, by a cheerful and unreserved consecration of our possessions and our lives to Thy service, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

PRAYERS AT TABLE.

Before Meat.

Command Thy blessing upon us, O Lord, in the reception of this food of Thine own providing. Enable us to receive it with grateful hearts and to improve the strength we derive therefrom, to the glory and praise of Thy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Look in mercy upon us, O Lord, at this time, and bless us in the use of the gifts of Thy bounty. May these and all Thy mercies flow to us in the channel of redeeming love, and do us good as they do the upright in heart, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. AMEN.

The eyes of all wait upon Thee, O Lord, and Thou givest them their meat in due season. Help us to realize, that all our mercies come from Thee. Make us grateful for them, and grant us their sanctified use, through riches of grace in Christ Jesus our Redeemer. AMEN.

Once more, O Lord, we are permitted to surround this table, furnished with the provisions of Thy bounty. Sanctify them to our use and ourselves to Thy service in Christ Jesus our Redeemer. AMEN.

Thou, O Lord, art the Giver of every good and perfect gift. Thou openest Thy hand liberally, and suppliest our wants as they return May all our mercies be received with becoming gratitude, and with a disposition, in the enjoyment thereof, to live to Thy glory and praise in Christ Jesus our Redeemer. AMEN.

We praise Thee, O Lord, for the gifts of Thy bounty now before us; and pray Thee to accompany them with Thy blessing. And whilst Thou art thus mindful of our bodies, be pleased also to feed our souls with the bread of eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. AMEN.

Thou, O Lord, art constantly mindful of us and doing us good, though we are often unmindful of Thee; yea, evil and unthankful. May the present, as well as Thy other mercies, lead us to repentance for our sins, and Thy long-suffering result in the salvation of our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

After Meat.

Accept, O Lord, our grateful acknowledgments for the present instance of Thy goodness; and continue Thy favors unto us as we need them, in Christ our Redeemer. AMEN.

We thank Thee, O Lord, for the portion of Thy earthly bounty, of which we have now partaken to the satisfying of our returning wants. And whilst Thou art providing for the body, we pray Thee not to forget the wants of our never-dying souls; all which we ask for Christ's sake. AMEN.

Once more, O Lord, hast Thou fed us with food convenient for us. We thank Thee for Thy kind remembrance of us, and pray for grace and strength to make to Thee those returns of gratitude and obedience, which are justly Thy due, in Christ Jesus our Redeemer. AMEN.

We praise Thee, O Lord, for the favors we are constantly receiving at Thy hands, but especially for the food of which we have just par-

taken. Let Thy mercies be evermore continued, and may we be enabled, in the enjoyment thereof, to live to the glory and praise of Thy name, in Christ our Redeemer. AMEN.

Thou hast placed us, O Lord, under renewed obligations to Thee, in that Thou hast once more supplied our returning wants; and we pray for grace and strength to make Thee renewed returns of gratitude and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

To Thee, O Lord, would we lift up our hearts in gratitude, for the rich provision Thou art constantly making for the wants of our bodies; and we pray Thee, with all these creature comforts, to add the blessings and privileges of Thy grace, so that whilst our bodies are fed with food convenient for them, our souls may be nourished with the bread of eternal life, through Christ Jesus our Redeemer. AMEN.

Blessed and praised be Thy great and excellent name, O Lord, for the present mercies received at Thy hands, and for all the favors Thou art continually bestowing upon us through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

PRAYERS FOR CHILDREN.

MORNING.

Thou, Lord, hast kept me through the night,
And blessed me with this morning's light.
Be with me still, throughout this day,
And make me walk in wisdom's way. AMEN.

Now I awake to see the day,
I give my soul to Christ away;
If I should die before the even,
I trust He'll take me up to heaven. AMEN.

God has kept me through the night;
He, too, sends me morning light.
Keep me, Lord, another day:
Thy commands help me obey.
Bless me sleeping or awake.
This I ask for Jesus sake. AMEN.

I thank Thee, Lord, that Thou hast kept
Me safe from harm, whilst I have slept.
Throughout the duties of this day,
Be with me still, I humbly pray.
Save me from danger and from sin,
And make me pure and good within.
In life and death, let me partake
In Thy blest love, for Jesus' sake. AMEN.

Though, O Lord! I am only a child, yet I am glad I can speak to Thee. Jesus, when on earth, took little children in His arms and blessed them, and said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me and forbid them not." Bless me this day and keep me in all Thy ways.

I thank Thee, that Thou hast brought me safely thus far through life, as well as through the past night. Make me truly sorry for all the wrong I have ever done, and grant me, dear Saviour, Thy gracious pardon and favor.

Help me this day to do right. May I love and obey my parents, be kind to my brothers and sisters, and to all my playmates! Let me not get angry, nor speak naughty words, nor have naughty thoughts and feelings, nor do any thing that is wrong.

Bless my father and mother, brothers and sisters, and every one I love, as well as every one else in the world. All this I ask for Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.

Father in heaven, I thank Thee for all the beautiful things Thou hast made: for the sun that shines so brightly; for the birds that sing so sweetly; for the pretty flowers, and the

bright stars, and for every thing that makes the world so lovely and happy. My heart is happy too, when I think that God made me, and loves me, and takes care of me; that He has given me such a good home, and such dear parents and friends, and so many good things.

But, I am sad and sorry, when I think how often I have sinned against my Father in heaven, and done what I ought not to have done. For Jesus' sake, I pray Thee, forgive me, and help me always to be good.

I thank Thee, Lord, for the good sleep of the past night, and that I am this morning, so well and happy. Take care of me this day, and keep me from all sin and harm. Bless my father and mother, and all my dear friends, playmates, and schoolmates; and bless all every where, with Thy love and grace, for Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.

EVENING.

Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take.—AMEN.

This night as I lie down to sleep,
I give my soul to Christ to keep;
Wake I at morn, or wake I never,
I give my soul to Christ forever. AMEN.

Jesus, tender Shepherd, hear me;
  Bless Thy little lamb to-night.
Through the darkness, be Thou near me;
  Keep me safe till morning light.

All this day, Thy hand hath led me;
  And I thank Thee for Thy care;
Thou hast clothed me, warm'd and fed me;
  Listen to my evening prayer.

Let my sins be all forgiven.
  Bless the friends I love so well;
Take me when I die to heaven,
  Happy there with Thee to dwell. AMEN.

Father, now the day is past,
On Thy child Thy blessing cast;
Near my pillow, hand in hand,
Keep Thy guardian angel band,
And throughout the darkling night
Bless me with a cheerful light;
Let me rise at morn again
Free from every thought of pain;
Pressing through life's thorny way,
Keep me, Father, day by day! AMEN.

Heavenly Father! though Thou art in heaven, yet Thou takest care of everybody and everything in this world. Thou takest care

even of the flowers and of the little birds; and hast taken care of me through all this day. I thank Thee for what Thou hast done for me, that I am so well and so happy; that I have food to eat, and clothes to wear, and a bed to sleep in, and a good home, and such dear parents and kind friends. May I always be thankful, and kind and good, and ever try to please Thee, my heavenly Father, and make my parents and all around me happy.

Forgive everything I have done wrong this day; and help me never to sin any more. Take care of me to-night, and may I ever love to think, that, though I may be tired and sleepy, my Father in heaven never sleeps, and is never weary of watching over me and taking care of me. Help me to live a happy life, so that I may have at last a peaceful death, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. AMEN.

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I thank Thee, O Lord! that I have lived through another day, and have had so many things to make me happy. I have had enough to eat and to wear, and have many dear friends. Every day I can learn something new, and can enjoy the good and beautiful things which Thou

hast made. May I always remember, that every good thing I have, comes from my Father in heaven! and give me a thankful heart! Help me to do good to others around me, and make everybody happy, by being kind and gentle, and loving and obedient. Teach me and help me to be such a child as Jesus was on earth. Forgive all I have this day done wrong.

Night has come again. Take care of me, Lord, while I sleep. May the good angels watch over me, and may I awake in the morning full of health, full of love, full of joy, ready to praise and serve Thee! Bless all my dear friends, all my playmates, all poor people and sick persons, and all children who have no home; and show Thy love to all men, for Christ's sake. AMEN.

SUNDAY MORNING.

Heavenly Father, I thank Thee for this holy and blessed day. I have the Bible and can learn of Jesus, who came to save me. I have been taught to love Thee and to know that God loves good children. I can go to church and to Sunday School, and can join with Thy people in praying to Thee and in singing Thy

praise. May my heart be full of love to the Saviour, and full of thankfulness to my Father in heaven, who has done so much to make me good and happy!

Thou hast taken care of me in the night. I am alive and well this morning. I thank Thee for all these things; and also for my dear parents, and all my kind friends. Bless them, I pray Thee. Bless also all poor children, who have no parents and no home. May the Good Shepherd take care of them; and may Jesus take care of me, and keep me from sin and harm, for His name's sake. AMEN.

SUNDAY EVENING.

This day, O Lord, have I heard of Jesus as the Good Shepherd. May I be one of the lambs of His flock. May He feed me, guard me, guide me, and bless me! May I always follow Him, and never wander into the ways of sin!

I thank Thee for all I have this day heard of Jesus, at home and in the Sunday School, and pray that I may remember it, and that it may help me to do right. Make me sorry for all my sins, and grant me forgiveness.

Bless my dear parents, and help me to make

them happy. Bless all my friends and may they be happy in loving the Saviour. Bless all the children of Sunday Schools, and help them to be good. Bless the children who have no one to teach them of the Saviour, and send the Bible and missionaries to every country, and teach all persons to love Jesus. And now, Lord, take care of me to-night, whilst I sleep, for Jesus Christ's sake. AMEN.

GENERAL PRAYERS.

Look, Lord, upon a little child,
By nature sinful, weak, and wild;
O lay Thy gracious hands on me,
And make me all I ought to be. AMEN.

Gentle Jesus, meek and mild;
Look upon a little child;
Pity my simplicity,
Suffer me to come to Thee.

Fain I would to Thee be brought;
Gracious God! forbid it not;
In the kingdom of Thy grace,
Give a little child a place.

O supply my every want;
Feed the young and tender plant;
Day and night my keeper be,
Every moment watch round me. AMEN.

I am a weak and helpless child,
  But Jesus died for me;
He bids me come to Him, that I
  His own dear lamb may be.

I have a hard and sinful heart,
  But He can make it clean.
Lord Jesus, wash away my sins,
  And come and dwell within!

I pray Thee bless my parents, Lord,
  Brothers and sisters dear;
Keep me from harm by night, by day;
  Teach me Thy name to fear.

Teach me to love Thy blessed word,
  To love Thy holy day;
And may I feel that Thou art near,
  To hear me when I pray.

Kind Shepherd, take me to Thy care,
  And when I'm called to die,
With angels, may I sing Thy praise,
  Above the starry sky,

A little lamb from sin set free,
  Thy glory to behold;
No more to wander from Thy ways,
  But safe within Thy fold! AMEN.

Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only begotten Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hades; the third day He rose from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Ten Commandments.

Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquities of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generations of them that hate Me; and shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me, and keep My commandments.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh His name in vain.

Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work: but the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

Honor thy father and thy mother: that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

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